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Bringing people downtown

SJ OKs 'virtual downtown' marketing plan to aid ailing business district

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph City Commission took action Monday to help support downtown business owners as things start to open up in Michigan while the coronavirus remains active.

Acting on a recommendation from the Downtown Development Authority, which met by Zoom on Monday morning, the city commission approved plans to create a "virtual downtown," and provide marketing videos and packages to the business owners.

Meeting Monday evening by Zoom, city commissioners heard about proposals from CrazeVR owner Mark Rutherford and Dave Holt from Holt Bosse that had been presented to the DDA.

Arthur Havlicek, executive director of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber, said consumer confidence will be a problem for tourism and business.

"If people don't feel safe coming here, we'll have the technology to bring downtown St. Joseph to them," Havlicek said. "Businesses are in free fall, and this is a great way for the city to step in and provide a softer landing."

CrazeVR, a local virtual reality gaming and entertainment business, will create the virtual tour, with the $10,500 delivery price to be paid by the City of St. Joseph. The marketing firm Holt Bosse will create a 2020 marketing plan called Lift Up Downtown. The cost for that, totaling $16,620, will be paid by the DDA from its reserve funds.

The virtual tour, which can be taken from a smart phone, iPad or computer, will take visitors on a stroll down State Street in St. Joseph, where

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Downtown St. Joseph is mostly empty Monday as many businesses remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Bethany Stibbe is a microbiology technical specialist with Spectrum Health Lakeland. She oversees all of the microbiology and molecular lab testing done at the hospital. Since the start of the pandemic, that has included processing the COVID-19 tests, as well as preparing her lab for the lack of testing supplies and the possibility of an influx of patients.

Keeping tabs on the lab

Lakeland tech specialist talks overseeing a hospital lab during a pandemic

Bethany Stibbe comes to work each day excited that it is going to be a little bit different than the day before.

But lately, her job has been a lot different because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Niles resident is a microbiology technical specialist for Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph. Stibbe oversees all of the microbiology and molecular lab testing done at the hospital, and for some of the outpatients.

Since the start of the pandemic, that has included processing the COVID-19 tests as well as preparing her lab for the lack of testing supplies and the possibility of an influx of patients.

Q&A
Bethany Stibbe

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman talked with Stibbe about her behind-the-scenes job at the hospital and how the pandemic has changed it.

What's a typical day like for you?

On a typical day, it depends. I also work a bench, which is actually working on cultures, identifying organisms and running PCR (polymerase chain reaction). So I do that on occasion just to keep up with competency and make sure I am in the nitty gritty of it all.

On a higher level, I do a lot of quality assurance and control because in a laboratory setting we have to do a lot of quality control, making sure all our reagents work appropriately and making sure testing is working appropriately.

I help with the schedules and work directly with the medical technologists to manage their work flow and their training.

I also do a lot of research into new products, instruments and testing, as

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ST. JOSEPH

City approves June 6 start date for farmers market

Distance, safety guidelines will be in place

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — There will be a farmers market in St. Joseph this summer, but it will look very different than in past years.

Vendors will be spaced farther apart, shoppers must maintain social distance and vendors must adhere to Michigan Farmers Market Association guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The St. Joseph City Commission voted Monday to allow the outdoor market on Saturdays beginning June 6, as long as rules and guidelines are followed.

Amy Zapal, executive director of St. Joseph Today, said those may change as the summer progresses.

The Michigan Farmers Market Association says the idea is to allow vendors to provide healthy, locally grown food while staying committed to the safety of shoppers.

Zapal said St. Joseph Today will notify all of St. Joseph Farmers Market vendors of the following guidelines that must be followed:

- Suspend all product sampling and cooking demonstrations;
- People with compromised immune systems or who are not feeling well should not attend as a shopper or vendor;
- Sanitize all market equipment and containers, looking to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for guidance;
- Have a hand-washing station (preferred) or hand sanitizer at every booth;
- Pre-package all products as much as possible;
- Clearly and legibly post product lists with prices so customers can distance themselves and still see products and prices;
- Set up booths in a way that minimizes/eliminates a customer's ability to touch products, then not purchase them;
- Use market table covers that can be sanitized throughout the market day, such as plastic or vinyl;
- Minimize cash transactions and round prices to the nearest dollar to reduce the need to exchange coins;
- Throughout the market day, routinely clean and disinfect high touch items such as tables, cash boxes and touch screens on point-of-sale devices.

Farmers markets also must eliminate all non-essential areas and activities such as music, seating areas, special events and children's activities.

The market in Lake Bluff Park will be on Saturdays from June 6 to Oct. 10.

Arts District loses a trailblazer

Jerry Catania, co-founder of Water Street Glassworks, dies at 74

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Jerry Catania was known for turning glass into art.

As a Stevensville native and 1964 Lakeshore High School graduate, Catania made an imprint throughout Southwest Michigan with his work in the arts community as a teacher and artist. Catania died at his Fairplain home last Wednesday at the age of 74.

His departure was felt immediately as dozens of friends and loved ones gathered Friday outside Water Street Glassworks – which he founded with his wife – where the crowd celebrated his life by projecting images of his previous work.

"Jerry lived his life very passionately. It reflected in the experiences of his students," said Kathy Catania, Jerry's wife. "It's been very moving to read all the posts on Facebook and see all the people that he touched."

Born in Chicago to Louis and Josephine Catania, his family moved to Stevensville when Catania was 5 years old. The move jumpstarted his love affair with Lake Michigan, a theme often reflected in his artwork.

Catania's love for glassblowing began with a workshop in Trinidad.

After returning to the U.S., Catania, who holds a bachelor's degree in industrial design from Michigan State University and a master's degree in art education from Western Michigan University, gravitated to a studio in the Pacific Northwest, where he crafted an understanding of the art.

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Don Campbell / HP file photo

Instructor Jerry Catania, at right, works with School of the Art Institute of Chicago student Yilun Shao as he practices glassblowing techniques in 2014 at Water Street Glassworks in Benton Harbor. Catania, who died last week, co-founded Water Street Glassworks.

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Whitmer: Restaurants, shops can open in northern Michigan

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Restaurants, bars and other retail businesses can reopen in much of northern Michigan starting Friday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced Monday – a key step for the tourism-dependent region before the Memorial Day weekend and summer season.

Bars and restaurants, which have only been able to do pickup and delivery due to coronavirus restrictions, will have to limit capacity to 50 percent. Groups must stay 6 feet apart, and servers will have to wear face coverings. Office business also will be able to resume if work cannot be performed remotely.

The governor's latest coronavirus stay-at-home order still keeps food and drink establishments off limits to dine-in customers in 51 counties with 93 percent of the state's 10 million people. Other places of public accommodation such as movie theaters, gyms and hair salons remain closed statewide, at least through May 28.

Whitmer called the partial reopening of northern Michigan a "big step," but urged people to not "go rushing out." She recommended that residents thinking about visiting the Upper Peninsula or a 17-county region of the northern Lower Peninsula – home to 7 percent of the population and just 1 percent of Michigan's 4,915 deaths related to COVID-19 – to "think long and hard."

"The whole state is watching to make sure we get this right," said Whitmer, a Democrat who has been criticized by Republicans in the GOP-led Legislature for not restarting the economy sooner in regions with few cases.

Whitmer previously opened manufacturing plants and other businesses in a state with the fourth-highest reported death toll from COVID-19. She said she was hopeful about announcing the restart of sectors "in the lower parts of our state" before the three-day holiday weekend.

She also issued an order requiring businesses or operations that are allowed to require their employees to leave home for work to develop a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan and make it available to employees and customers by June 1 or within two weeks of resuming in-person activities, whichever is later.

The state reported 24 additional deaths related to COVID-19, raising the total to 4,915. In Detroit, Mayor Mike Duggan said any city resident, regardless of age or lack of symptoms, can be tested for the virus for free at the former state fairgrounds.

Whitmer's move applies to two of the eight regions established as part of her "MI Safe Start" plan. She pointed to their new cases per million residents each day – less than five and two – compared to the statewide average of 33. The Upper Peninsula and Traverse City regions account for 1 percent of deaths.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
JC-KH-2C-4D-5H
Midday Daily 3
8-8-2
Midday Daily 4
3-1-5-0
Daily 3
1-6-0
Daily 4
1-7-2-1
Fantasy 5
01-02-04-15-34
Keno
01-06-07-15-17-19-22-26-31-33-35-36-40-42-43-52-58-68-71-75-78-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$274 million
Powerball jackpot
$95 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
20-26-31-36-38
Cash4Life
04-07-19-26-57, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
06-07-08-09-11-13-14-17-27-35-37-43-45-49-51-58-60-61-66-78, BE: 58
Daily Three-Midday
6-9-6, SB: 8
Daily Three-Evening
4-9-4, SB: 6
Daily Four-Midday
8-6-1-7, SB: 8
Daily Four-Evening
7-3-9-6, SB: 6
Quick Draw Evening
01-05-11-14-17-19-22-24-27-29-32-34-41-42-47-48-59-72-75-78, BE: 1

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-17-27-29-30
Estimated jackpot
$200,000
Pick Three-Midday
0-0-3, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
2-7-0, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
5-3-9-2, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
4-0-2-7, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
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Autoworkers return to factories; possible vaccine shows promise

By COLLEEN LONG, TOM KRISHER and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

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United Auto Workers members leave the Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Warren Truck Plant after the first work shift on Monday in Warren. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV along with rivals Ford and General Motors Co., restarted the assembly lines on Monday after several week of inactivity due to the corona virus pandemic.

WARREN — More than 130,000 autoworkers returned to factories across the U.S. for the first time in nearly two months Monday in one of the biggest steps yet to restart American industry, while an experimental vaccine against the coronavirus yielded encouraging results in a small and extremely early test.

Stocks rallied on the vaccine news and signs that the worst of the crisis has passed in many countries. The Dow Jones Industrial Average soared about 900 points, or nearly 4 percent.

In a surprise announcement, President Donald Trump said he's been taking a malaria drug to protect against the virus even though his own administration has warned it should only be administered in a hospital or research setting because of potentially fatal side effects.

Automakers put screening procedures in place as Detroit's Big Three – Fiat Chrysler, General Motors and Ford – as well as Honda and Toyota reopened dozens of factories from the Great Lakes states south to Tennessee and Texas and out west to Tesla's factory near the San Francisco Bay. No one was immediately cranking out vehicles, because it will take time to get the plants restarted. But workers appeared reassured by the precautions.

At a Fiat Chrysler pickup truck assembly plant in Warren, outside Detroit, workers entered a giant white tent with a sign reading, "Let's restart and keep each other safe." Inside they had their temperatures checked and answered questions on whether they had symptoms of COVID-19.

"I feel safer than being anywhere at any stores, because they got the screening and everything," said Ann'alazia Moore, a janitor at the factory. "I feel like that's amazing. That's smart. I like that. So, I feel more safe. I won't get sick."

Cole Stevenson, who installs steering wheels at a Ford pickup truck plant in Dearborn, Michigan, said, "The parts of the plant where people would be closer together, they've put up a lot of partitions. You can tell they've taken tape measures to just about any surface two people would need to be near each other."

Meanwhile, an experimental vaccine by Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Moderna Inc. triggered hoped-for immune responses in eight healthy, middle-aged volunteers. They were found to have antibodies similar to those seen in people who have recovered from COVID-19.

Further studies on the vaccine's safety, effectiveness and optimal dosage still need to be done. But with people desperate for any sign of progress, the findings caused excitement on Wall Street.

Worldwide, about a dozen vaccine candidates are in the first stages of testing or nearing it. Health officials have said that if all goes well, studies might wrap up late this year or early 2021.

The malaria drug that Trump says he's been taking daily "for about a week and a half now" has not been shown to combat the coronavirus.

"I started taking it, because I think it's good," Trump said. "I've heard a lot of good stories."

Despite warnings from health experts that the virus could make a resurgence without a vaccine or treatment, many states have eased lockdowns under pressure from Trump to save businesses and livelihoods. U.S. unemployment surged in April to 14.7 percent, a level not seen since the Depression.

Health authorities will be watching for a second wave of infections and worry Americans will disregard social distancing over Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of summer. There were already large crowds last weekend: Connecticut had to close beaches when they reached capacity under new rules, and people packed the Virginia Beach oceanfront even before restrictions were relaxed.

Deputies north of Orlando, Florida, say they were hit with cups of alcohol, bottles and bar stools after making arrests at a weekend block party with an estimated 3,000 people. Walt Disney World posted a warning about COVID-19 as it prepares to allow some third-party shops and restaurants to reopen later this week.

One of California's largest tribal casinos, Viejas Casino & Resort, near San Diego, reopened to a large crowd Monday. Customers had their temperatures taken and were ordered to cover their faces, while every other slot machine was turned off to keep people separated. But the turnout meant many were still playing less than 6 feet apart.

Ronda McLauchlan lined up at 7:30 a.m. before going to work as a painting contractor because "it's all about freedom."

Health industry reels from COVID-19 damage

By TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

The global coronavirus pandemic has created a huge need for health care in the U.S., but it also is delivering a devastating financial blow to that sector.

COVID-19 worries have kept patients away from doctors' offices and forced the postponement and cancellation of non-urgent surgeries. The pandemic also has shut down large portions of the American economy, leaving many would-be patients without insurance or in a financial pinch that makes them curb spending.

All of this has forced hospitals, health systems and doctors to lay off staff, cut costs and hope a return to normal arrives soon.

"You couldn't ask for a worse situation, really," said Joe Antos, an economist with the American Enterprise Institute.

Health care provided the biggest drag on the U.S. economy in the first quarter. Spending on care fell at an annual rate of 18 percent, the largest drop for that sector among records going back to 1959.

Economists point to hospital systems, a key driver of the sector's performance, as a big reason behind the drag from COVID-19, which initially hit some parts of the sector more intensely than others.

The nation's largest hospital chain, HCA Healthcare, said its hospital-based outpatient surgery totals for last month were down about 70 percent through late April.

In many cases, hospitals that lose those profitable surgeries are gaining COVID-19 patients – and losing money on them. Those patients may require hospitals to expand intensive care units, spend more on infection control and stock up on gowns and masks, among other items.

The American Hospital Association estimated in a recent report that the nation's hospitals and health systems will collectively lose more than $36 billion from March to June treating hospitalized COVID-19 patients.

When adding factors like lost revenue from postponed surgeries, the total balloons to more than $200 billion, said the association. Congress has set aside about $175 billion so far to help hospitals and other care providers, but the hospital association says more assistance is needed.

"We're facing perhaps the biggest financial crisis in our history," association CEO and president Rick Pollack said.

From the doctor's office, the view also is bleak.

Dr. Seemal Desai said patient visits for his Dallas-area dermatology practice plunged about 85 percent after COVID-19 hit.

He started seeing patients over the internet with help from smartphone or tablet cameras. But that created fresh problems. Desai said some patients don't have the technology to do online visits. Others hesitate because they aren't sure their insurance will cover them.

Only about half the patients who were offered a telemedicine visit actually did one.

"You would think my volume would be shooting through the roof and people would be clamoring for it, but it's completely the opposite," Desai said.

The dermatologist cut expenses, including marketing, and he's reduced some employee hours.

Nationally, the health care sector shed nearly 1.5 million jobs from February to April, or about 9 percent of its total, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A big chunk of that came from dentist offices. Preliminary data shows that employee totals for that slice of the sector sank by more than 500,000, or 53 percent.

Overall economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, fell at an annual rate of 4.8 percent in the January-March quarter even though the severe impact of the virus was only felt in the last couple of weeks of March.

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visitors can then click on a specific store front to see hours, menus and other information. Businesses can buy in to include a virtual tour inside their store or restaurant. Purchasing can then be done online.

The cost to businesses for individual, inside tours of their business will be $300, discounted from the normal price of $500, Rutherford said. These individual tours are optional.

Mayor Mike Garey said that legally, the city cannot pay to support individual stores, but funding the virtual tour of the downtown is a way the city can support its merchants.

Holt Bosse's Lift Up Downtown plan will include videos; an online hub where hours, phone numbers and pickup or delivery procedures will be organized in an easy-to-find, consistent manner; and a business packet that will provide helpful steps and information for stores that are not already equipped for online shopping.

Garey said the virtual tour created by CrazeVR and the marketing plan created by Holt-Bosse should be viewed not as competing, but as one package working together.

Havlicek agreed, saying, "CrazeVR and Holt Bosse will work hand-in-hand on this, and it will be a two-part approach to help the downtown businesses."

Street dining

In a different but somewhat related matter, Community Development Director Kristen Gundersen brought to the city commission a proposal from DDA member Robert Montgomery, owner of 221 Main Restaurant & Cocktail House for outdoor street dining.

Montgomery recused himself from the DDA's vote to bring the concept to the city commission.

Details need to be ironed out, but in general Montgomery's proposal calls for creating the "Pleasant Street Plaza" for outdoor dining during weekends in warm weather. The plaza would be located between Main and Court Streets where there are currently two restaurants, 221 Main and Silver Harbor Brewery.

Temporary conversion of streets to outdoor public spaces for dining is being talked about in Michigan as a way to provide opportunities for businesses and residents, Gundersen said.

Montgomery said St. Joseph Today has agreed to provide event fencing for the two restaurants. He said the restaurants will need to acquire the appropriate permits and licenses from the state for street dining.

Pleasant Street would be closed off to vehicle traffic between Main Street and Court Street on Friday through Sunday, with restaurant seating areas being to the east and west of the north-south alley behind the post office.

The City Commission approved the plan and directed Montgomery to work with city staff to work out the details. Commissioners are excited about the idea. "This is a bright spot in an otherwise pretty dark time," Commissioner Peggy Getty said.

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BH commissioners OK water, sewer rate hikes

By LOUISE WREGE
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BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners Monday approved raising the city's water and sewer rates over the next five years to plug a $900,000 shortfall, and to help pay for almost $15 million in infrastructure improvements that are expected to start this fall.

Water rates will increase almost 10 percent each July 1 for the next five years. This July, the residents' water bills will increase on average $5 a month, Chris Cook from Abonmarche, the city's engineering firm, said after the meeting.

By the end of the five years, he said the water bill for the average resident will have increased about $30 a month.

On the sewer side, Cook said that starting July 1, residents will see annual sewer rates increase by 7 percent for the next five years. This July, he said residents will see an average of $2.90 increase. By the end of the five years, he said they will be paying on average $16 more on their sewer bills.

Not everyone agreed to the increases. During the meeting, Commissioners Juanita Henry and MaryAlice Adams voted against them, saying that residents are hurting and can't afford the increases.

Adams said the residents approved the city income tax in 2017 so the money could be used to fix the streets.

"We don't have the right to ask residents for another dime," she said during the meeting, which was held virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Henry wanted the rate increases to be voted on by the people.

Other commissioners said that residents put them in office to make such decisions.

"From what I've heard from the citizens, they want the roads fixed," said Commissioner Ron Singleton. "... They're tired of tearing up their cars."

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said it's time to move the city forward.

"Those who want to stay in the past, living and operating and leading looking in the rear view mirror, you're going to be left behind because the residents want something new," he said. "They don't want the same old leftover leadership. That's over with."

Added the mayor: "For those who want to stay in the old rigmarole of paralysis by analysis, let's go, because we're running it out of here."

Commissioners approved the almost $15 million project in April and asked Cook to put together a financial package for them to consider Monday that includes raising sewer and water rates between 8 to 10 percent, plus using $700,000 annually from city income tax money.

Recent studies have shown that 60 percent of the city's sanitary sewer lines and up to 80 percent of the city's water lines are in poor to very poor condition.

The project will also replace 150 lead service lines, which will fulfill state requirements for the next three years.

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Berrien County reaches 30 COVID-19 deaths

Adds 127 cases, 85 recoveries over last Monday

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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Berrien County reached 30 COVID-19 deaths Monday, gaining two over the weekend and five since last Monday.

That seems to be on trend, as the county saw six COVID-19 deaths the previous week, five the week before that and six the week before that.

The deaths over the weekend were that of a woman over the age of 55 with multiple underlying health conditions and a man over the age of 85 with multiple underlying conditions, according to the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD).

All of Berrien County's deaths have been people over the age of 40, with more than half of them over the age of 80, according to the BCHD's data dashboard.

There are now 528 cumulative cases in Berrien County, a rise of 44 cases since Friday and 127 cases since last Monday. The week prior, the county added 102 cases.

The county is now at 312 people recovered, as of Monday. An addition of 12 over the weekend and 85 from last Monday. The week prior, the county added 31 recoveries.

With the recoveries and deaths, there are now about 186 active COVID-19 cases in Berrien County. Last Monday there were about 149 active cases.

County health officials have said they expect all of these numbers to rise as testing becomes more widespread.

The 528 cumulative cases include the number of cases in the county's skilled nursing long-term care facilities that are reported to the state.

Berrien County had 62 cases last week, and as of Sunday, the county now has 114 cases. That's the fourth highest number of cases in long-term care facilities in the state, behind Wayne County, Oakland County and Macomb County.

That breaks down to 28 cases at Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor, 17 cases at Pine Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation in Stevensville, seven cases at Riveridge Rehabilitation and Health Center in Niles, and 62 cases at West Woods of Niles.

The state long-term care facility data does not include how many of these cases have recovered or died.

Berrien County is at 186 presumed positive COVID-19 cases, four more than Friday and 11 more than last Monday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 20 COVID-19 patients as of noon Monday, with six of those in the intensive care unit. That's two more than were hospitalized last Monday.

Van Buren/Cass

Van Buren County added a sixth COVID-19 death Monday, two more than reported last Monday.

The county now has 115 cumulative cases, nine more than Friday and 22 more than last Monday.

The previous week, the county had added 24 cases.

As of Friday, 32 people have recovered in Van Buren County and 23 have recovered in Cass County.

Cass County, still sitting at two deaths, now has 60 cumulative cases.

That's an addition of 10 cases over the weekend and 18 cases since last Monday. The previous week the county gained just eight cases.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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IN BRIEF

Allegan County announces online records searches

ALLEGAN — Allegan County's roughly 117,000 residents can now search online for public information on marriage licenses, death certificates, and businesses registered as DBAs (Doing Business under Assumed names), County Clerk Bob Genetski announced Monday.

"This is a great new benefit to our customers for several reasons," Genetski said. "It allows access to these public records 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Researchers can search for free and request to purchase a certified copy online without ever leaving their homes."

The online database has over 65,000 marriage licenses going back to 1835. Information from over 75,000 death certificates dated 1867 to present is available, and more 21,000 business license details are online.

Genetski noted the site is available online by going to Allegancounty.org and then the Vital Records page. The "Search Death, Marriage & DBA Records Online" link is available at the bottom of that page. From there, one may search for free by clicking "Login as Guest."

The service will be helpful for people who want to start up a small business and need to see if the name they want is available by conducting a search, according to Genetski. It will also help these doing studying genealogy.

Mobile food pantry coming to Stevensville

STEVENSVILLE — The Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry will be at Stevensville United Methodist Church 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m., the organization announced. This will be a drive-thru mobile food pantry. Please have your trunk or SUV hatchback space ready for a volunteer to load your food.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

Don Campbell / HP staff

Geese make their way across a flooded section of Riverview Park in St. Joseph Monday afternoon. Portions of the park were closed to traffic Monday due to flooding caused by recent heavy rains and the high area water levels.

Fire guts Benton Township home

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township police are investigating the cause of an early Sunday morning fire that left a family homeless.

"It was a pretty significant fire," said Benton Township Chief of Police Brian Smit of the fire at 2234 Beverly Court.

He said a fire investigator is trying to determine the cause of the fire, which may have been arson. There were no injuries.

In addition, Smit said they are investigating if gunshots heard in that area around the time of the fire are related.

Don Campbell / HP staff

A fire destroyed a home at 2234 Beverly Court in Benton Township early Sunday morning. Officials are still investigating the cause of the blaze.

According to a report written by Benton Township Fire Department Lt. Scott Allers, homeowner Nicole Washington said she was awakened by another family member about a noise and smell of smoke.

"She walked in the kitchen and saw fire by the sliding glass doors," he wrote. "She told the Benton Township police officer that she got out of the house and left."

When firefighters arrived at the scene, almost half of the home was engulfed in flames, with fire breaking through the roof on the west side of the house. By the time more units arrived, the entire roof was falling in.

The fire department was on the scene from 3:30-6:40 a.m. Sodus Township firefighters assisted.

The American Red Cross was called to assist the family.

Anyone with information should call 925-1135.

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Parts of Van Buren, Allegan counties to get broadband

$10.7M federal loan/grant to fund expansion

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

BLOOMINGDALE — Thanks to a federal agency, high-speed broadband will be soon be extended to rural areas of Van Buren and Allegan counties.

Southwest Michigan Communications, a subsidiary of Bloomingdale Communications, expects to receive a $10.7 million combination loan/grant to bring fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband availability to 7,700 residents, 22 farms and 29 businesses in an area spread over 100 square miles.

The area includes portions of Lee and Cheshire townships in southern Allegan County and parts of Pine Grove, Bloomingdale, Columbia, Arlington and Almena townships in Van Buren County. The Van Buren townships are located primarily in the north central and northeastern part of the county.

The funding comes to Bloomingdale Communications courtesy of the United States Department of Agriculture's ReConnect Program to bring reliable high-speed broadband to America's rural areas.

"The need for rural broadband has never been more apparent than it is now – as our nation manages the coronavirus national emergency," U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue said in announcing the initiative during a virtual press conference. "Access to telehealth services, remote learning for school children, and remote business operations all require access to broadband."

State Rep. Beth Griffin, a proponent for expansion of high-speed broadband for rural areas of Van Buren County, was pleased to hear about the grant/loan for Bloomingdale Communications.

"As we've been forced to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, internet access has become more vital than ever for the people of Southwest Michigan," said Griffin, R-Mattawan. "Our children are learning from home, many workers and business owners are working from home, and for many patients, the only way to receive the routine and preventative health care they need is via telehealth. This grant will help to connect thousands of people in our most rural communities with internet access."

The $10.7 million ReConnect loan/grant is the second one that Bloomingdale Communications has received to expand fiber-to-the-premises high-speed internet service to parts of Van Buren and Allegan counties. In 2018, the company received $12 million from the USDA to bring broadband services to portions of southern Allegan County and northeastern Van Buren County.

Many rural areas in the two counties currently have access to satellite internet services, but it is quite expensive and not as reliable. This is one of the factors behind the USDA's efforts to expand fiber-optic broadband service to underserved parts of America.

"Fiber to the home involves constructing all new fiber optic cables along the roadside to replace the copper infrastructure that we have all been using for decades," said Steve Shults, general manager and CEO of Bloomingdale Communications. "Our company normally buries that (the fiber optic cables) in the road right-of-way. We also bury a 'drop' line from the road to homes." To complete the installation workers install an electronic device on the outside of a home to communication with the company's equipment. Then a WiFi router is placed inside the dwelling.

"Fiber to the home service allows speeds up to 1 gigabit. We do not offer that right now but we could in the future," Shults said.

Bloomingdale Communications is finishing up its first internet expansion project, undertaken in 2018.

"We are approximately halfway through that project," Shults said. "It has stalled a little because installation of the new service into customers' homes has been postponed due to COVID-19."

The company plans to start the second phase of fiber-to-the-premises project in 2021 and complete it by 2023.

Carlos Johnson named to Free Press 'Dream Team'

By HP STAFF

Benton Harbor's Carlos Johnson can add another accolade to his growing list of honors.

The Tigers' standout boys basketball player has been named captain of the Detroit Free Press boys basketball Dream Team.

Johnson, who was named Mr. Basketball for 2020, is joined by Tyson Acuff of Detroit Cass Tech (senior, point guard), Emoni Bates of Ypsilanti Lincoln (sophomore, forward), Lorne Bowman II of Orchard Lake St. Mary's (senior, guard), and Jalen Terry, Flint Beecher (senior, point guard).

Johnson averaged 25 points, 11 rebounds, six blocks and three steals per game this season. The Butler-bound Tiger hit the game-wining three pointer in overtime to with a Class B boys basketball state title in 2018.

He also has been named All-State four times by The Associated Press, and was named Division 2 player of the year this past season.

NASCAR managed small miracle in problem-free return Sunday

DARLINGTON, S.C. – The odds were against NASCAR flawlessly executing its reopening plan, which was a potential standard-setting moment for other professional leagues to follow in this new normal of sports.

Jenna Fryer
In the Pits

No plan is ever perfect and all the assistance from outside health officials couldn't protect NASCAR from the obvious flaw in its procedures: The system in large part is based on the honor code.

A sport with a storied history of cheating, lying and sometimes stealing in the name of winning expects its participants to tell the truth if they aren't feeling well, practice social distancing at the track and at the shop, and wear face masks.

Cloth over your face for 12 hours under the South Carolina sun is not ideal. Yet everyone complied Sunday at Darlington Raceway and NASCAR – a series often criticized for being consistently inconsistent and making up rules on the fly – successfully staged a spectator-free event.

"They pulled this thing off and it feels a little like a Christmas miracle," said driver Brad Keselowski.

Things could have gone awry starting at sunrise when crews pulled off through an obscure entrance and into a gravel lot. Officials with clipboards and thermometers waited ahead.

Brynn Anderson / AP

Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race Sunday in Darlington, S.C.

If NASCAR had not set staggered arrival times, the system could have broken right there with 900-something vehicles trying to enter at the same time. Instead, every entrant had their forehead scanned, temperature logged on a list and not a single person was turned away.

NASCAR is not testing for COVID-19 but believes its social-distancing protocols ease the risks.

"I think everybody found their groove," said NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell. "Didn't have to tell anyone or remind anyone to wear a mask. I think the industry really came together and did a tremendous job to enable us to get to the race."

There was no other choice for NASCAR, now in a survival mode approach to get cars back on the track. Money can't be made if races aren't run and a shutdown since March 13 wounded every area of the industry.

Team owners stopped receiving sponsorship checks, promoters had nothing to promote and crew members took pay cuts, lost bonuses or were furloughed.

Wallets already hit, few seemed daring enough to mess this up for themselves or the sport.

Kevin Harvick had no true victory celebration for his 50th career win. On the desolate frontstretch, he noted the eerie silence of the empty grandstands in an "awkward" post-race session with Regan Smith, the only Fox Sports reporter sent to the track.

"Usually you get out of the car and the crowd is screaming and yelling," said Harvick, adding he was unsure what to do. "You've got Regan from Fox six feet away, a masked man, I didn't know if I was supposed to put a mask on and talk to him."

Harvick noted his team didn't get a chance to celebrate with the car, but "in the big picture of things, being able to do what we did – and that's race – is what everybody wants to do."

The effort must continue to keep the engines running. NASCAR has eight more Cup Series races scheduled over the next 35 days and it includes three Wednesday night races. The Cup cars last ran on a Wednesday in 1984, Richard Petty's 200th and final victory.

It's a heavy workload for race teams and stamina will be tested for drivers now running multiple times a week. But in getting past the first test, there is hope.

"This was a really big moment for the sport to be able to pull this off," said Keselowski. "Up until probably two or three hours before the race I was ready for something to go wrong. Like, alright, what is it going to be? Is someone going to be sick? Is there going to be somebody boycotting outside the race track? Nobody did. Nothing bad happened.

"It would have been really, really easy to just say, 'We will wait for the NHL, NFL or NBA to be the guinea pigs.' (NASCAR) didn't take that attitude and I have a lot of respect for them making that decision."

U.S. Open no longer 'open,' eliminates qualifying for major tournament

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The U.S. Open might feel more like a closed shop this year.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which already has postponed the U.S. Open at Winged Foot from June to September, has forced the USGA to do away with qualifying for the first time since 1924.

Open qualifying is the hallmark of golf's second-oldest championship. The USGA often points out that typically half of the 156-man field has to go through either 36-hole qualifying or 18-hole and 36-hole qualifying.

It even invested in a marketing campaign that was rolled out in February titled, "From Many, One," to illustrate that more than 9,000 people apply to play in the U.S. Open, eventually yielding to one winner.

The USGA did not announce Monday how other players would become exempt.

Among those who have yet to qualify is Phil Mickelson, a runner-up six times in the only major he hasn't won.

Mickelson said in February he would not ask the USGA for an exemption, and that if he didn't qualify or become exempt, he wouldn't play. Winged Foot is where Mickelson made double bogey on the final hole in 2006 to lose by one.

The field presumably will be smaller because of the later date, though the USGA did not mention the field size in its April 6 announcement that the U.S. Open was moving to Sept. 17-20 at Winged Foot, in Mamaroneck, New York.

"As you can imagine, this was an incredibly difficult decision, as qualifying is a cornerstone of USGA championships," said John Bodenhamer, senior managing director of championships for the USGA. "We take great pride in the fact that many thousands typically enter to pursue their dream of qualifying for the U.S. Open and we deeply regret that they will not have that opportunity this year."

Bodenhamer said no qualifying provides "the best path forward" to holding the U.S. Open.

The USGA said there would not be qualifying for three other championships it will hold this year – the U.S. Women's Open (moved to December in Houston) and the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Women's Amateur, both still scheduled for August.

The U.S. Open, which dates to 1895, had so many players wanting to compete in the years after World War I that it introduced qualifying in 1924.

Then, it went to two stages of qualifying in 1959 – 18-hole local qualifying and 36-hole sectional qualifying.

Ken Venturi in 1964 and Orville Moody in 1969 are the only U.S. Open champions who got through both stages. Lucas Glover in 2009 was the last U.S. Open champion to go through 36-hole qualifying.

The USGA had 108 local qualifiers planned in 45 states and one in Canada, followed by 12 sectional qualifiers – nine in the U.S., one each in Canada, England and Japan.

When the U.S. Open was postponed, 50 players were exempt through various categories, such as past champions the last 10 years or top 10 from last year's U.S. Open, major champions from the last five years and the top 30 players who reached the Tour Championship last year.

The pandemic shut down golf on March 13, two months before the top 60 in the world ranking would have been exempt for the U.S. Open. The world ranking has been frozen since the shutdown. It was unclear when it would resume because while the PGA Tour is to resume on June 11, circuits in Europe, Japan and Asia have not said when they would return.

The USGA, meanwhile, has lost 10 championships to the coronavirus. It said Monday that four more were canceled – the U.S. Mid-Amateur and Women's Mid-Amateur, and the U.S. Senior Amateur and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Irritates
5 Gusto
8 Decelerate
12 Work like a dog
13 Carnival city
14 Pelt
15 Comic strip moppet
16 Elected ones
17 Exclude
18 Frame inserts
20 Juicy steaks (hyph.)
22 Do a sewing chore
23 Edgar Allan —
24 Sony competitor
27 Take care of
30 Poetic tribute
31 Profit
32 Portion of a circle
34 On the —
35 Pinochle combo
36 Talk a lot
37 Illinois city
39 Obligations
41 First-rate
42 Be able to
43 Old car
46 Eye part
50 Pentathlon event
51 Drivers' org.
53 Brit's exclamation (2 wds.)
54 Milky Way unit
55 Rug rat
56 Threat ender
57 Spinning toys
58 — out a living
59 Jellyfish habitats

DOWN
1 "— do for now"
2 Don Juan
3 Clay oven
4 Half-frozen
5 Rainbow maker
6 One, in Munich
7 Requiring no stamps
8 Drove away
9 Sketch
10 Comics canine
11 Rains on
19 Want-ad abbr.
21 Cold War capital
24 Musical scale note
25 Eden evictee
26 "Finding —"
27 Sound in body
28 Drops behind
29 QED part
31 Produce
33 ABC rival
35 PC gadgets
38 Los Angeles cagers
39 Daisy — Scraggs
40 Lets loose
42 Packing container
43 Witty remark
44 — — speed
45 Lowest high tide
47 Tahiti, e.g.
48 Cape Canaveral grp.
49 Pro votes
52 Fine, to an astronaut (hyph.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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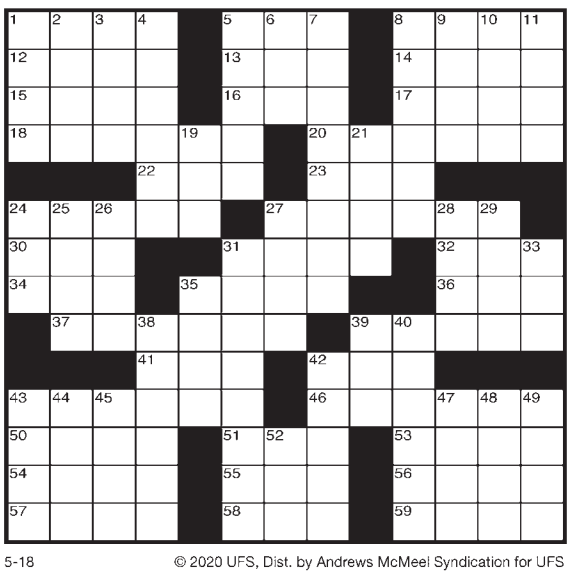

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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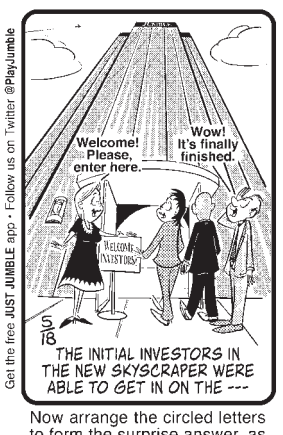
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Wow! It's finally finished.
WELCOME INVESTORS
THE INITIAL INVESTORS IN THE NEW SKYSCRAPER WERE ABLE TO GET IN ON THE ---

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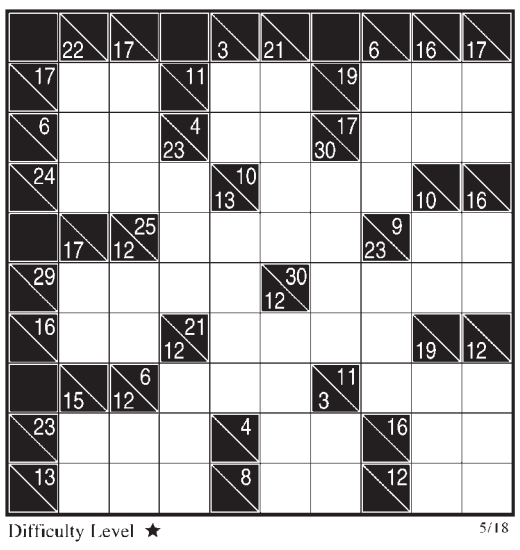
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

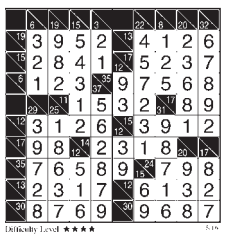
Saturday's Jumbles: FUDGE SALSA NEGATE SNITCH
Answer: When Bigfoot was spotted near the village, it — CAUSED A "SEEN"

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★ 5/18

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/18

BRIDGE

Strange things happen from time to time at bridge tournaments. Once, during a power cut, we were forced to play by candlelight.

On another occasion, David Bird, who has written more bridge books than anyone else, was the declarer in today's deal when the hotel fire alarm went off. Everyone vacated the playing room and moved into the cold, dark parking lot. Bird feared that the defense would be perfect when the game resumed, not a thought characteristic of an Englishman. Chatting with one's partner in such circumstances just wouldn't be cricket.

North's responsive double was for takeout, showing a decent hand with length in the unbid suits.

Bird need not have worried. After leading the diamond ace, West switched to a heart. East won with the ace and returned ... a heart! Bird ruffed, drew trumps and ran his diamonds, discarding all four of dummy's club losers.

At another table in the event, East correctly worked out that West wouldn't lead declarer's primary suit unless he had a singleton ace. So, after winning with the heart ace, he gave West a diamond ruff. However, then West tried to cash the heart king, with fatal consequences for the defense.

Bill Hodgkiss found the best defense. Knowing that he could give his partner only one diamond ruff, at trick three he cashed the club ace. Then he delivered the diamond ruff for down one.

If your partner leads declarer's main suit at trick one, either he is short or he thinks you are short – or you need a new partner.

North 05-18-20
♠ A K J 6
♥ 9 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ K J 10 7

West
♠ 9 7 4
♥ K J 5 3
♦ A
♣ 9 8 6 4 2

East
♠ 5 2
♥ A Q 10 8 6 4
♦ 8 2
♣ A 5 3

South
♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ 7
♦ K Q J 10 9 7 5
♣ Q

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1♥
2♦	3♥	Dbl.	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	7	2	6	5			8	
	8	3	7	2		4		
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	6			7		8		3
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	4			3	7	1	6	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

2	6	5	9	7	1	4	8	3
3	4	1	5	2	8	9	7	6
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1	5	6	2	8	4	7	3	9
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6	3	8	4	9	5	2	1	7
9	1	4	7	3	2	8	6	5

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAY 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Story of Soaps The impact of the iconic genre. (N) CC (DVS)				The Genetic Detective CC (DVS)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A Navy officer obtains a rare coin.		FBI "Hard Decisions" CC		FBI: Most Wanted "Ghosts" CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	The Voice "Live Cutdown Show" (N)		The Voice "Live Finale Part 2" ((F)) The winner is revealed. (N) CC			
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Masked Singer (N) CC (DVS)		Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	NOVA The tornado outbreak of 2011.		American Experience "Mr. Tornado"		Frontline "Inside Italy's COVID War" (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	DC's Stargirl "Pilot" (Series (P)) (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Chasing Monsters"		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "Forget My Name" CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	DC's Stargirl "Pilot" (Series (P)) (N)		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland A military vet hires Amy.		Highway to Heaven "Man's Best Friend"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	The First 48: Killer	The First 48 "A Bad Run-In; Inferno"		The First 48: Catching a Killer (N) CC		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N) CC	
AMC	4:30 Gladiator	The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. CC					
Animal	Alaskan	Alaskan Bush		Alaskan Bush		Homestead Rescue	
BET	6:30 About Last Night ('14)			8:55 Meet the Browns ('08) CC			
Big Ten	Big Ten	Michigan		Ohio State		Big Ten Elite CC	
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules (N) CC		Vanderpump Rules "Unfriended" CC		Watch What	Vanderpump Rul
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	The Hurt Locker	Skyscraper ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson. CC			:45 Halloween ('18, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk	Drunk
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Holmes	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball						
ESPN2	:00 NBA2K League Week Three. (N) (L) CC						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 6, 1978.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tennis	Detroit Tigers Classics From June 14, 2012. (N)					Grillin'
Freefrm	6:00 Grown Ups ('10) CC	Pitch Perfect ('12) Anna Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition. CC					
FX	Now You See Me 2	Avatar ('09, Science Fiction) Sam Worthington. A former Marine falls in love with a native of a lush alien world. CC					
Golf	Skill	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) CC					Central
Hallmark	How to Train	Surprised by Love ('15, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Paul Campbell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Betty CC	Joker ('19, Crime Drama) Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro. CC				:05 Run "Tell"	:35 Insecure
History	Lost Gold	Lost Gold-WWII		Lost Gold-WWII		The Secret of Skin	
HGTV	Fixer	Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	People	Little People, World		Little People, World		7 Little Johnstons	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	Knocked Up ('07) Seth Rogen. (P). A one-night stand has an unforeseen consequence.					Double Mommy
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Catfish	Teen Mom OG (N)		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	White Sox Rewind (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest		NFL 100 Greatest	
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	:00 Drain	Drain (N) CC		Drain (N) CC		Kingdom of the	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. "Disco Bob" CC		Chicago P.D. "A Little Devil Complex"	
Parmt	Two and a Half Men Charlie's jealousy becomes an issue. CC						Red 2
Showtime	6:00 Rocky	Ray Donovan Ezra has an accident.		Escape at Dannemora CC		Rocky Balboa ('06) CC	
Starz	:22 Showtime ('02, Comedy) Robert De Niro. CC			Hightown "Love You Like a Sister" CC		9:59 It's Kind of a Funny Story	
STZENC	:20 First Sunday ('08) Ice Cube, Katt Williams. CC			Superfly ('18, Suspense) Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell. CC			
SyFy	Hitman-Body	Captain America: Civil War ('16) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr. Captain America clashes with Iron Man. CC (DVS)					
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)
TCM	Black Narcissus	Sister Kenny ('46, Biography) Rosalind Russell, Alexander Knox. CC				:15 The Girl in White ('52)	
TMC	The Reckoning	Windtalkers ('02, War) Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. CC				:15 Last Knights ('15) CC	
TNT	Taken 2	London Has Fallen ('16, Action)				Geostorm	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures (N) CC				Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 Speed ('94, Action) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. CC				Speed ('94) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. CC		

Sister thinks twice about becoming a kidney donor

DEAR ABBY: I'm currently waiting to donate my kidney to my sister, who is a year older than I am. My husband and I traveled many hours to get evaluated and tested at her clinic, so the insurance would cover the cost.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Before heading back to our home state, we decided to stop by to pay her a surprise visit and, honestly, she did something that's making me rethink my decision. She was eating pizza and drinking a can of soda. Abby, my sister is on dialysis and supposed to be following a strict diet. It upset my husband, but he didn't say anything to her because we had just had an argument in the car about my decision to donate to her. It upset me, too, but I didn't speak up either.

I have been disciplined all my adult life, living a healthy life and making smart choices to benefit my body. Now that my sister needs a kidney, I feel this may have been the reason for my good habits. How can I stress to her how important it is to me that she adopt better eating habits if she is to get my kidney? I don't have another one to donate if she ruins this one. My husband and I will also be sacrificing time away from our four kids (ages 1-15) for the surgery and recovery. – Second Thoughts In Texas

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Your concerns are valid. Donating a kidney is a decision that needs to be well thought out. It is also a decision that is ultimately up to only you. It shouldn't be made because you feel pressure based on who you're donating to, in your case, your sister. Keep in mind, it's impossible to control another person's behavior. Once this precious gift is given, there's no going back. Speak up now and let her know how you felt about what you saw, but understand it won't necessarily guarantee that she will make any changes.

My suggestion is to continue this conversation with your living donor social worker or ILDA (independent living donor advocate) at the transplant center where you were evaluated. These professionals can help to guide you toward making the best decision by further exploring your concerns, not only for you, but also your family.

While being a living kidney donor can be a positive and beautiful experience, it is equally important to make sure that it's the right decision for you. The same is true for anyone considering donating. For those who are interested in being a potential kidney donor and would like to confidentially connect with someone who has already donated, contact the Patient Information Help Line of the National Kidney Foundation ((855) 653-2273). However: THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR SPEAKING WITH A LIVING DONOR SOCIAL WORKER OR ILDA.

DEAR ABBY: I understand that nonbinary folks prefer the pronoun "they" instead of "she" or "he." It's going to take some getting used to, but that's OK. My question is, when using "they" but referring to one person, do you use a singular or plural verb? Singular sounds weird, but plural is confusing. – The Grammar Nerd

DEAR GRAMMAR: I agree that the usage will take some people a while to get used to, but language is constantly changing. Use the plural form of the verb when speaking about a nonbinary or gender-fluid person who prefers "they." Example: "They are a new member of our company." Or, "I love singer Sam Smith. They have won four Grammy Awards."

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Concerns about sister-in-law adopting a dog

DEAR CAROLYN: I received this text from my sister-in-law "Nicole" the other day: "You've been added to a list of references to adopt a dog. So answer your phone when the opportunity arises. Thanks! Sorry I didn't ask first but it was [husband's] idea."

I have several issues with this text. No one asked me to be a reference or if they could provide my contact information. I don't feel comfortable giving them a reference AT ALL. They have a rambunctious 4-year-old who put my 3-year-old in a choke hold a couple of months ago and swung him around in front of adults, so I am concerned that he would have ample unsupervised time with said puppy. There are several other concerns as well.

Carolyn Hax

I really wish they had asked me. I am also bothered that I was told to answer my phone. I work during the day so answering the phone is not always an option and I found this very inconsiderate. I felt told. Throwing the husband under the bus is also concerning.

I didn't know how to respond, so last night she sent another text that said never mind, forget it. She gets easily angered and will blast text hateful things to you for days, so I feel really stuck.

I want to address her demands and set a boundary – always ask before providing the person's information for a reference. I am not sure how to go about doing this without her exploding. I couldn't sleep last night trying to figure out how to best approach the situation. I am tempted to just let it go, but I don't think this is how you should treat people. – Rock, Meet Hard Place

ROCK, MEET HARD PLACE: Wait – no. There's no rock here, nor a hard place.

I agree with every one of the things you flag as problematic. The text crossed so many lines.

But other remedies besides taking an open stand with your sister-in-law happen to work just as well, arguably better, than active ones in this case.

Let's say the request hadn't been retracted. You would have been well within decency bounds to text back: "Can't promise to answer phone but will try."

Then if you had gotten a call, you could have either screened it or picked up and said, "They have a rambunctious 4-year-old who has been rough with my toddler."

Because that's what you were being asked to do: give a reference. No guilt, just facts, and it covers the relevant bases.

With the "never mind," you can now just ignore the whole thing. She is not asking you to do anything (anymore); you don't have to answer your phone for anyone (and never did); you don't need to set a boundary now because you can still set the exact same boundary next time, if necessary; and her throwing the husband under the bus is more the husband's headache than it is yours (except on holidays, I'd imagine).

You can still ask her not to give out your info without asking first, if that's a battle worth fighting now – and then just ignore with steely calm whatever immature, inappropriate fury she unleashes, because that's her problem.

With difficult people, emotional minimalism is your friend. They don't deserve our sleep.

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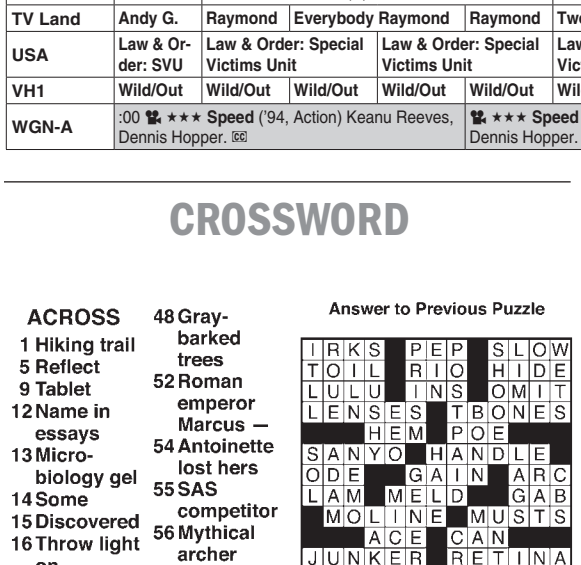
CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Hiking trail
5 Reflect
9 Tablet
12 Name in essays
13 Microbiology gel
14 Some
15 Discovered
16 Throw light on
18 Succinctly
20 Blanched
21 Add- — (extras)
22 High pt.
23 Icky
26 Bad bets
29 Lubricate
30 Hubbubs
32 Found a buyer
34 Hockey feint
36 Movie lioness
38 — Juan
39 Handy
41 Andes ruminant
43 Legal matter
44 Region of India
45 Slug cousin
48 Gray-barked trees
52 Roman emperor Marcus —
54 Antoinette lost hers
55 SAS competitor
56 Mythical archer
57 Press
58 England's Isle of —
59 "The Banana Boat Song" (hyph.)
60 Penny

DOWN
1 Gnat or ant
2 Not into the wind
3 Level
4 Horse-drawn carriage
5 Uses the USPS
6 Repulsive
7 Mr. Mineo
8 Blows, as a volcano
9 Mop companion
10 Green Gables' girl
11 Did a salon job
17 Horses' hair
19 "May It Be" chanteuse
22 Growth on rocks
23 Quick lawn
24 Place
25 Sorts
26 Droop
27 Ms. Parks of civil rights fame
28 Criticize
31 — ex machina
33 Genetic material
35 Creepy
37 Sunblock additive
40 Chopped down
42 Acid in milk
44 Mural undercoat
45 Quaff with sushi
46 Declare invalid
47 Horde
48 Nautical marker
49 "Present!"
50 Famous prep school
51 Shipped out
53 Retiree's kitty

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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JUMBLE

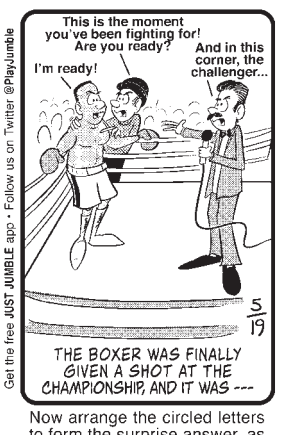
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BILAI

ANCET

TONTGE

PMULME


This is the moment you've been fighting for! Are you ready?
I'm ready!
And in this corner, the challenger...
THE BOXER WAS FINALLY GIVEN A SHOT AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP, AND IT WAS ---
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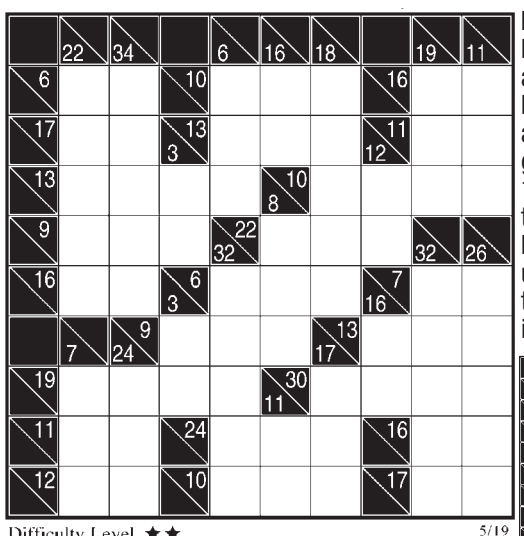
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " ○-○○○○ " ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

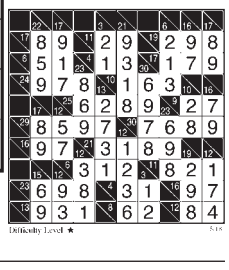
Yesterday's Jumbles: FLUNG DRIFT ONWARD NOODLE
Answer: The initial investors in the new skyscraper were able to get in on the — GROUND FLOOR

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 5/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

You are at home, wanting to play some bridge, but you don't have three friends handy. Fear not. If you have a computer, you can log on to bridgebase.com and play against other humans or, if you prefer, the robots (artificial intelligence players). If you do not have an account, you will have to choose a screen name and password, but it is free. It is best to have a partner of your choosing. If you play with three robots, when you are the dummy, the play will be so quick that you cannot possibly follow it.

Today's deal was played at Bridge Base Online, and West forgot a key defense guideline.

How should the defense have proceeded against four spades after West led the club five?

South stretched when he bid four spades, but he had the vulnerability on his side. Then East judged poorly. His side would have made five hearts unless North led the diamond seven, and declarer then made the likely misguess. Also, four spades doubled could have cost 300.

However, East did not defend well. At trick one, South smoothly dropped his club queen under East's king. Suitably fooled, East shifted to a low heart. South ruffed the second heart, drew trumps and led the club jack to establish dummy's suit and get home.

East forgot that when someone opens with a preempt, then leads a side suit, that is a singleton. East should have cashed his club ace at trick two and given his partner a club ruff. Back in with the heart ace, East could have led his last club and sat back to await another trick with the diamond king – down two.

North 05-19-20
♠ K Q 7
♥ 9 6
♦ A 10 7
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

West
♠ 9 8 2
♥ K Q J 8 7 4
♦ J 5 4
♣ 5

East
♠ 6
♥ A 10 5 3
♦ K 9 8 3
♣ A K 7 3

South
♠ A J 10 5 4 3
♥ 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ Q J 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	2♥	Pass	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

		7	9		5	4	1	
5		8	4	3			9	7
9					1	8		3
7			1	6		5		4
				7				
1		6		9	8			2
6		1	8					5
2	7			1	9	6		8
	8	9	6		7	3		

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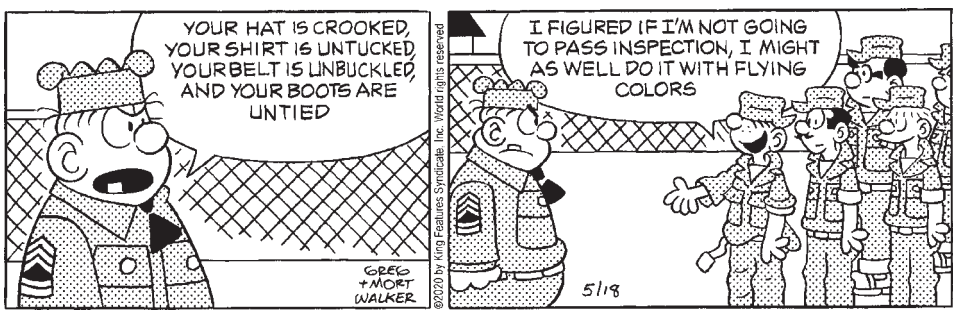
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	7	2	6	5	4	3	8	9
5	8	3	7	2	9	4	1	6
6	9	4	1	8	3	2	5	7
4	6	1	5	7	2	8	9	3
9	5	7	3	1	8	6	4	2
2	3	8	9	4	6	5	7	1
3	1	6	8	9	5	7	2	4
7	2	5	4	6	1	9	3	8
8	4	9	2	3	7	1	6	5

BEETLE BAILEY


YOUR HAT IS CROOKED, YOUR SHIRT IS UNTUCKED, YOUR BELT IS UNBUCKLED, AND YOUR BOOTS ARE UNTIED
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I FIGURED IF I'M NOT GOING TO PASS INSPECTION, I MIGHT AS WELL DO IT WITH FLYING COLORS
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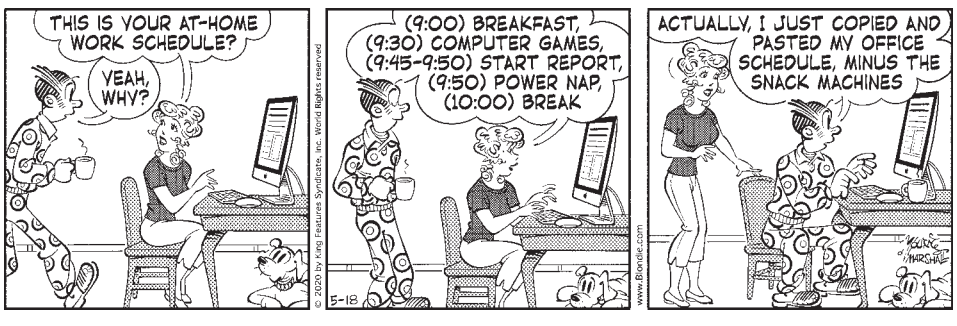
BLONDIE


THIS IS YOUR AT-HOME WORK SCHEDULE?
YEAH, WHY?
(9:00) BREAKFAST, (9:30) COMPUTER GAMES, (9:45-9:50) START REPORT, (9:50) POWER NAP, (10:00) BREAK
ACTUALLY, I JUST COPIED AND PASTED MY OFFICE SCHEDULE, MINUS THE SNACK MACHINES
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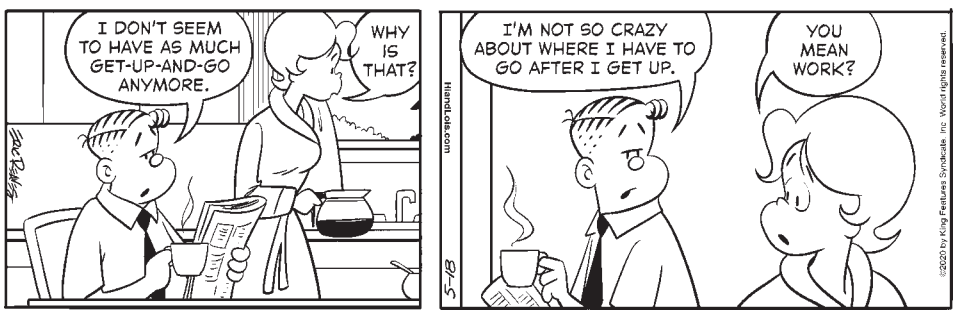
HI & LOIS


I DON'T SEEM TO HAVE AS MUCH GET-UP-AND-GO ANYMORE.
WHY IS THAT?
I'M NOT SO CRAZY ABOUT WHERE I HAVE TO GO AFTER I GET UP.
YOU MEAN WORK?
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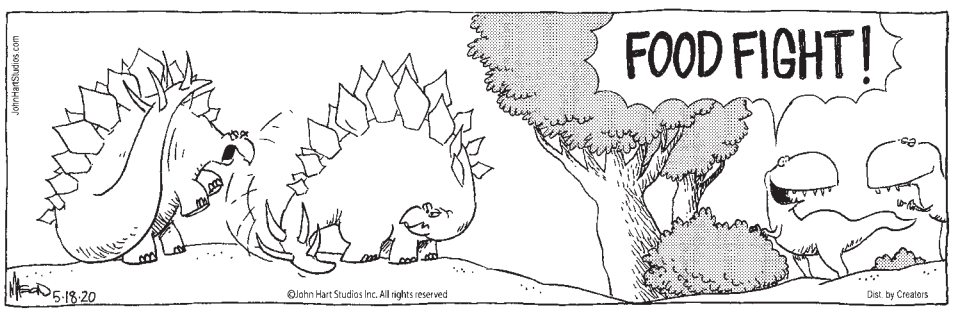
BC



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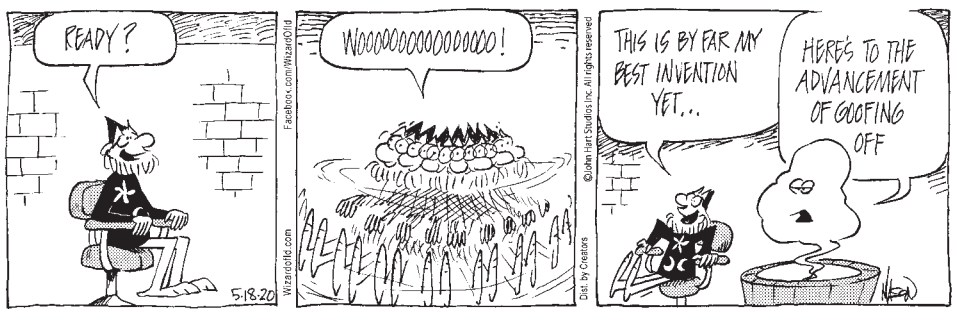
READY?
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WOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!
THIS IS BY FAR MY BEST INVENTION YET...
HERE'S TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOOFING OFF
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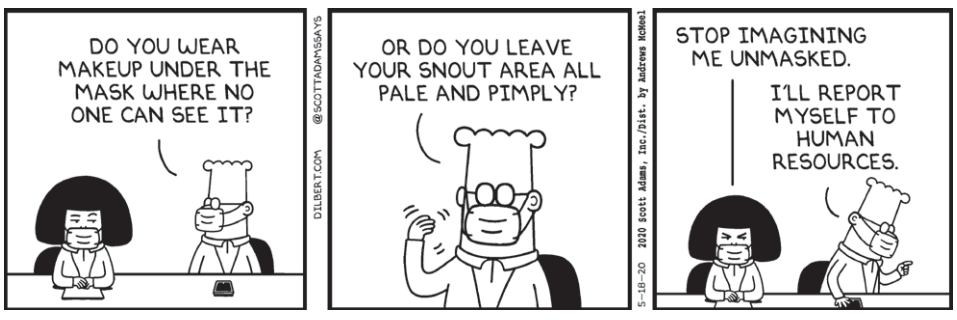
DILBERT


DO YOU WEAR MAKEUP UNDER THE MASK WHERE NO ONE CAN SEE IT?
OR DO YOU LEAVE YOUR SNOUT AREA ALL PALE AND PIMPLY?
STOP IMAGINING ME UNMASKED.
I'LL REPORT MYSELF TO HUMAN RESOURCES.
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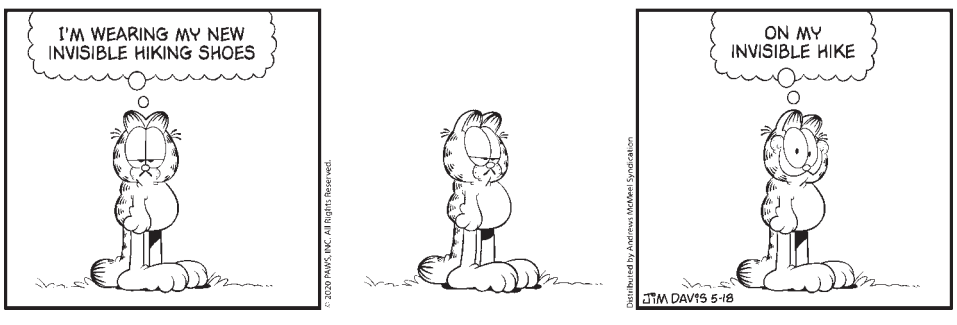
I'M WEARING MY NEW INVISIBLE HIKING SHOES
ON MY INVISIBLE HIKE
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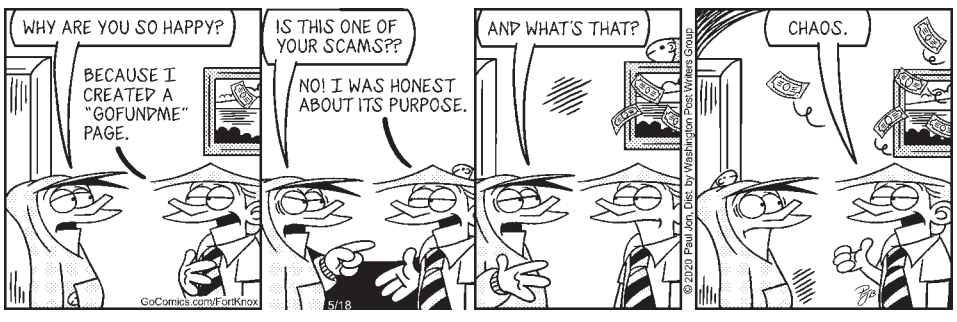
WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY?
BECAUSE I CREATED A "GOFUNDME" PAGE.
IS THIS ONE OF YOUR SCAMS??
NO! I WAS HONEST ABOUT ITS PURPOSE.
AND WHAT'S THAT?
CHAOS.
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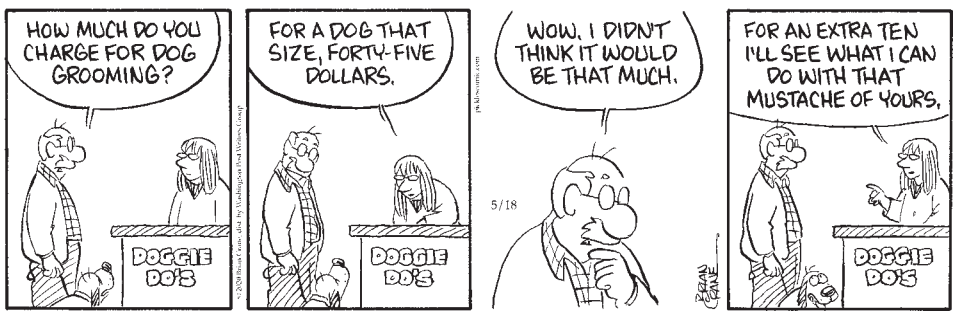
PICKLES


HOW MUCH DO YOU CHARGE FOR DOG GROOMING?
FOR A DOG THAT SIZE, FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS.
WOW, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THAT MUCH.
FOR AN EXTRA TEN I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO WITH THAT MUSTACHE OF YOURS.
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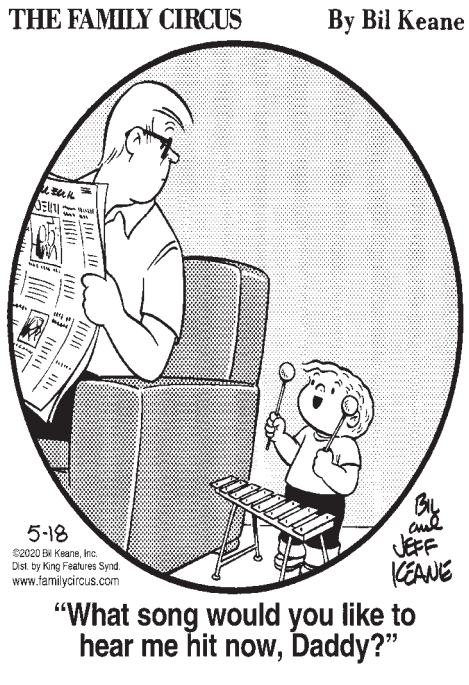
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"What song would you like to hear me hit now, Daddy?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

TIME TO POST ANOTHER EPISODE OF "WANDA'S WORLD."
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU THINK OF ALL THOSE FUNNY STORIES.
DO YOU EVER GET WRITER'S BLOCK?
DARRYL, I'M A STAY-AT-HOME MOM WITH THREE KIDS.
I HAVE THE OPPOSITE OF WRITER'S BLOCK.
CHECK IT OUT! THIS BOOGER LOOKS LIKE SPIDER-MAN!
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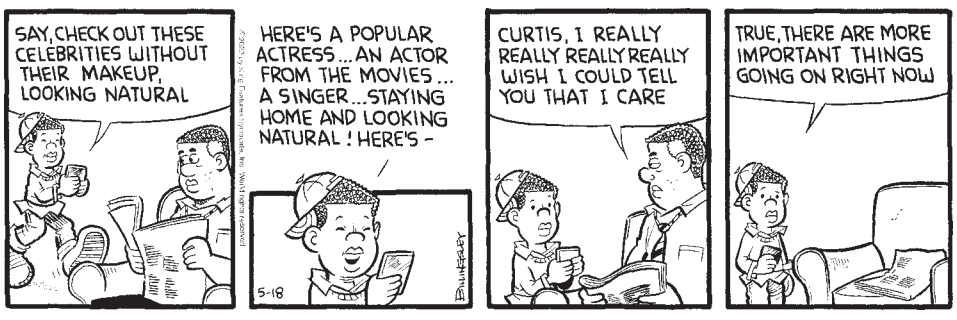
CURTIS


SAY, CHECK OUT THESE CELEBRITIES WITHOUT THEIR MAKEUP, LOOKING NATURAL
HERE'S A POPULAR ACTRESS...AN ACTOR FROM THE MOVIES... A SINGER...STAYING HOME AND LOOKING NATURAL! HERE'S -
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CURTIS, I REALLY REALLY REALLY WISH I COULD TELL YOU THAT I CARE
TRUE, THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS GOING ON RIGHT NOW

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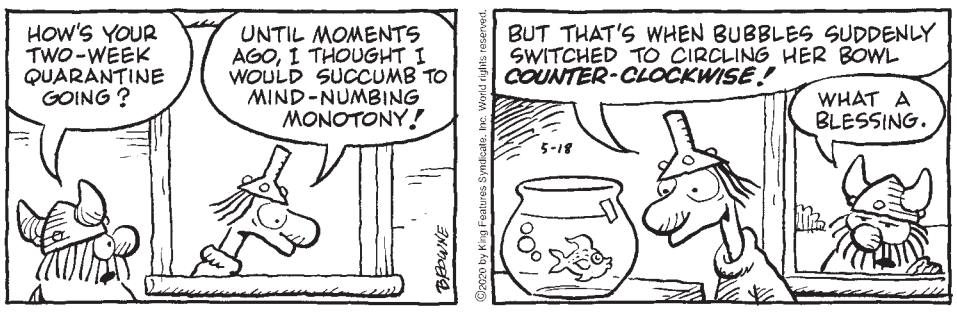
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HOW'S YOUR TWO-WEEK QUARANTINE GOING?
UNTIL MOMENTS AGO, I THOUGHT I WOULD SUCCUMB TO MIND-NUMBING MONOTONY!
BUT THAT'S WHEN BUBBLES SUDDENLY SWITCHED TO CIRCLING HER BOWL COUNTER-CLOCKWISE!
WHAT A BLESSING.
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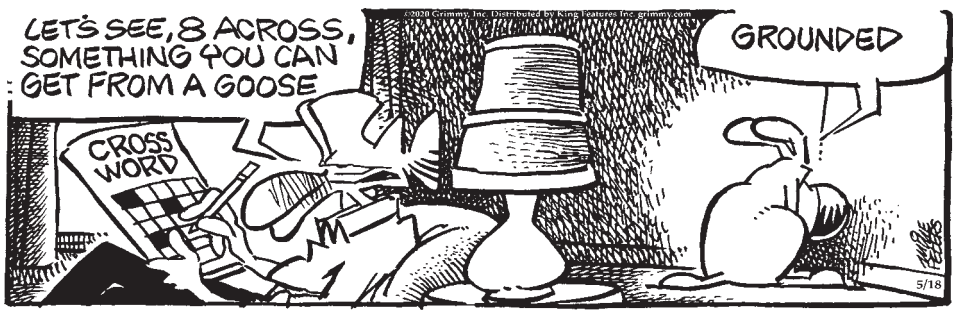
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM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LET'S SEE, 8 ACROSS, SOMETHING YOU CAN GET FROM A GOOSE
CROSS WORD
GROUNDED
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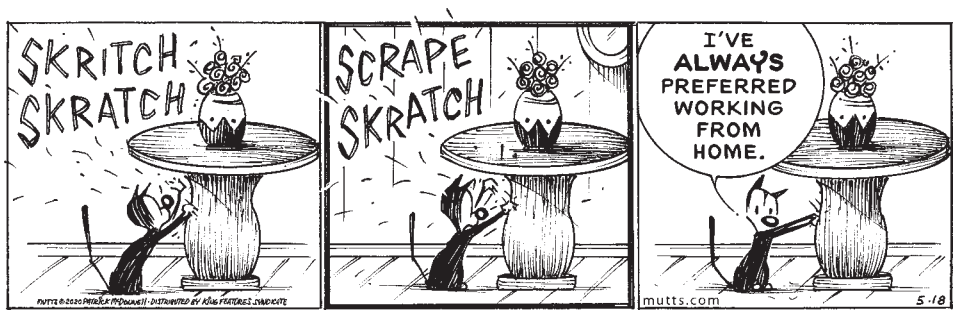
MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...
REALLY, RALPH? REALLY? YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST MILITARY STRATEGIST TO HIDE IN AUSTRALIA THE ENTIRE GAME JUST AMASSING ARMIES? THIS IS "RISK," RALPH! RISK SOMETHING! RISK ANYTHING!
OKAY, MAYBE I'M NOT IN THE RIGHT FRAME OF MIND FOR THIS.
BLAM! BLAM!
BUT BETTINA'S BEEN AMASSING ALL HER ARMIES IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN. WAIT, WHY IS SHE PLAYING THIS?
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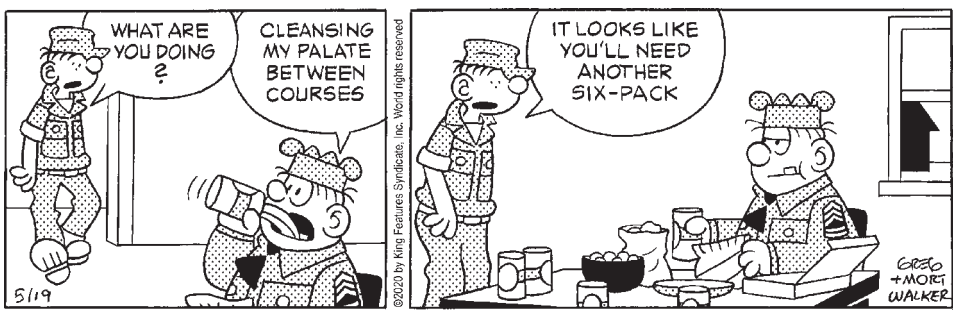
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
CLEANSING MY PALATE BETWEEN COURSES
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL NEED ANOTHER SIX-PACK
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GREG + MORT WALKER

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MAY I SPEAK TO TOM OR SHERRY SULTENFUSS, PLEASE?
THERE IS NO SULTENFUSS AT THIS RESIDENCE!
MAY I ASK YOUR NAME, PLEASE?
DAGWOOD BUMSTEAD!
C'MON, TOM! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE KIDDING?!
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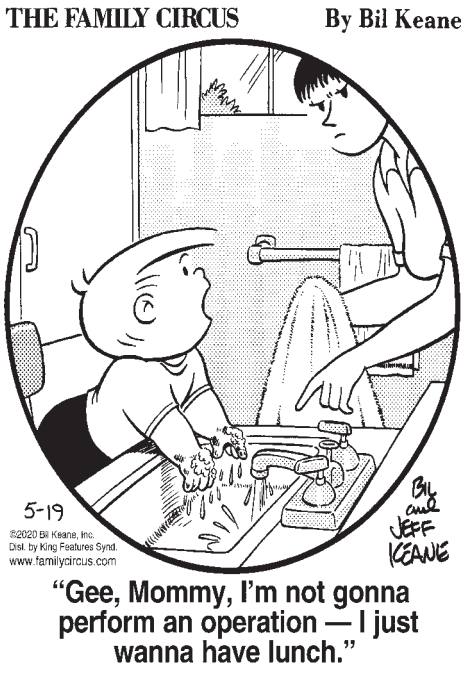
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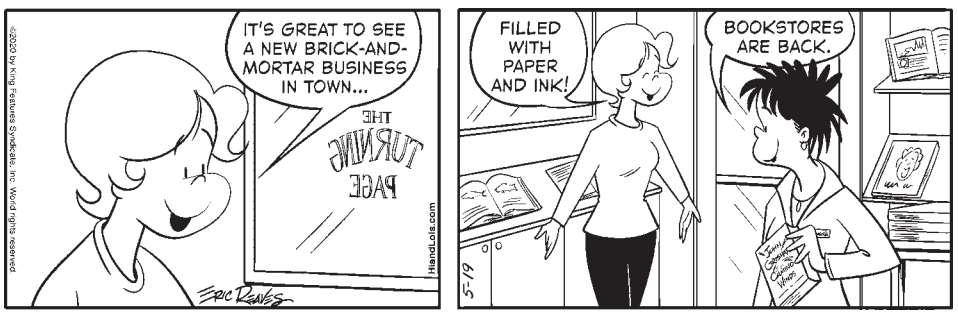
"Gee, Mommy, I'm not gonna perform an operation — I just wanna have lunch."

DENNIS THE MENACE

HI & LOIS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THE TURNING PAGE
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C'MON, WREN! FINISH YOUR OATMEAL!
YEEOOWWMM!
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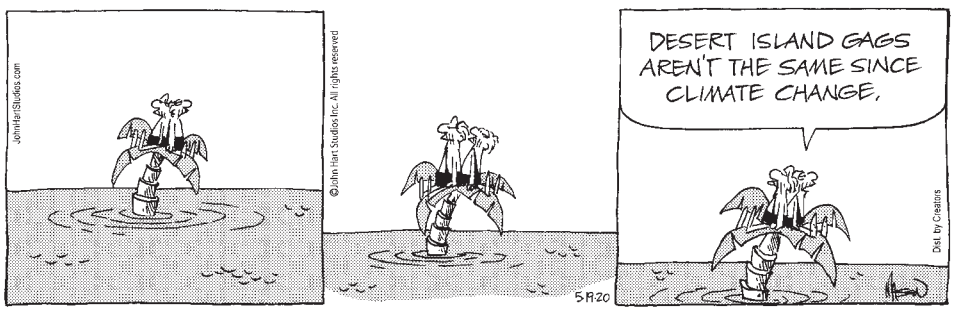
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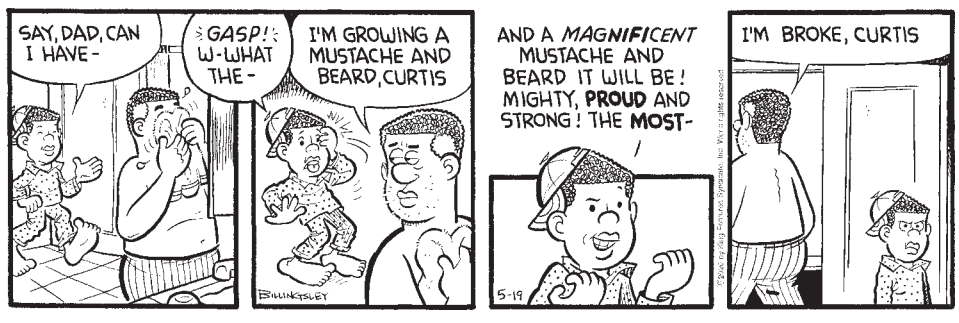
SAY, DAD, CAN I HAVE -
GASP! W-WHAT THE -
I'M GROWING A MUSTACHE AND BEARD, CURTIS
AND A MAGNIFICENT MUSTACHE AND BEARD IT WILL BE! MIGHTY, PROUD AND STRONG! THE MOST-
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I'M BROKE, CURTIS
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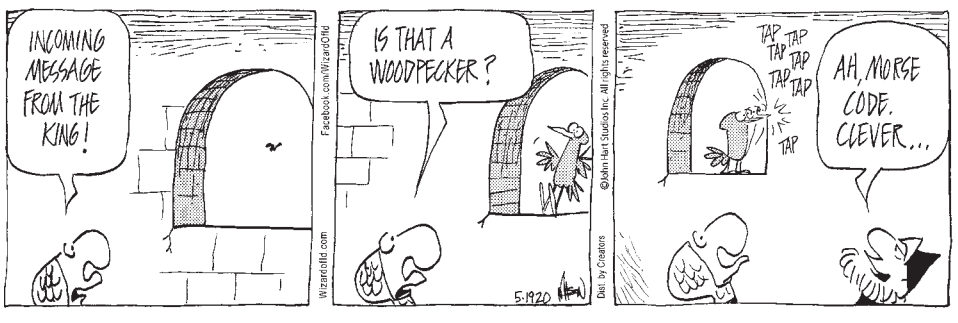

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I DIDN'T GET A CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNY THIS YEAR!
TOLD YOU HE'D NOTICE.
THAT WAS SIX WEEKS AGO!
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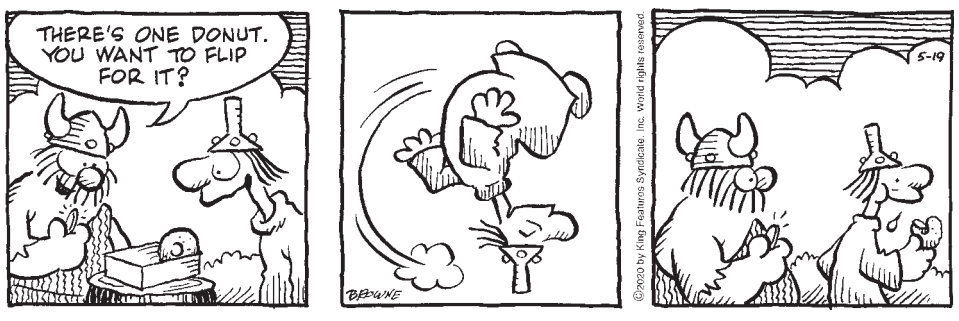

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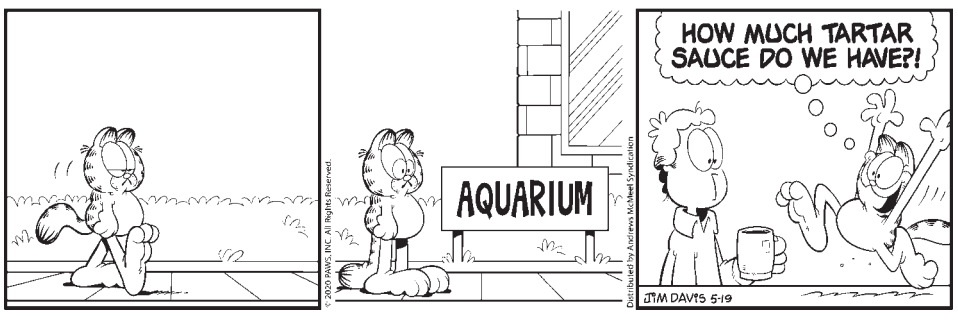
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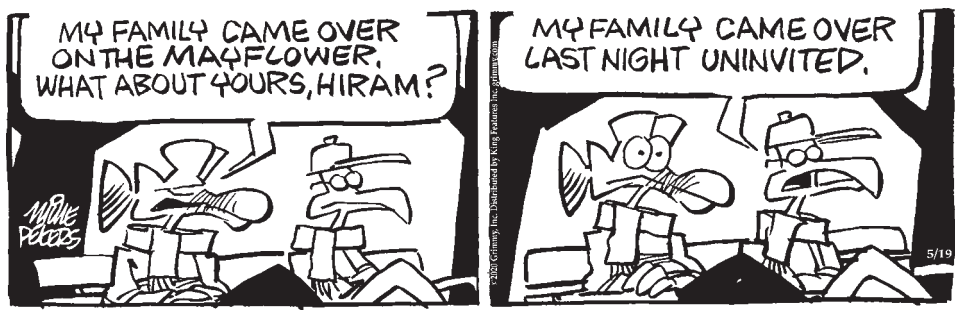
MY FAMILY CAME OVER ON THE MAYFLOWER. WHAT ABOUT YOURS, HIRAM?
MY FAMILY CAME OVER LAST NIGHT UNINVITED.
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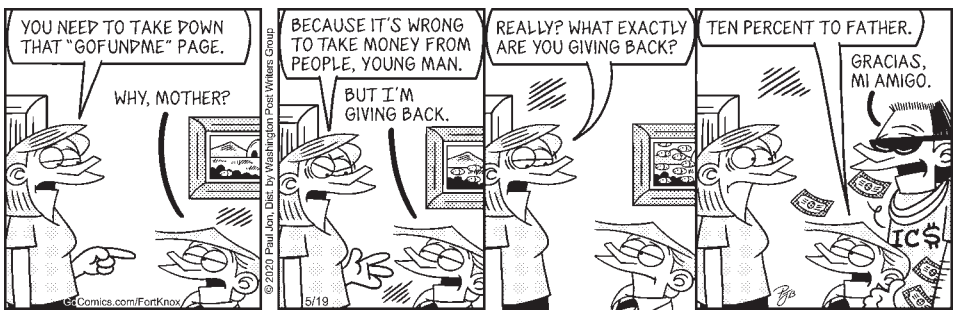
YOU NEED TO TAKE DOWN THAT "GOFUNDME" PAGE.
WHY, MOTHER?
BECAUSE IT'S WRONG TO TAKE MONEY FROM PEOPLE, YOUNG MAN.
BUT I'M GIVING BACK.
REALLY? WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU GIVING BACK?
TEN PERCENT TO FATHER.
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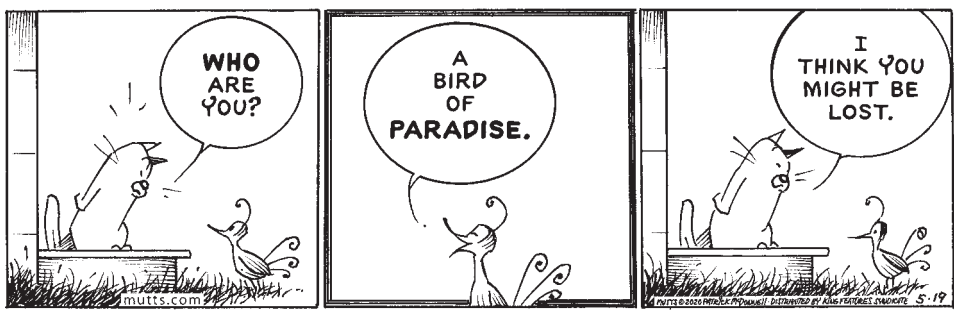

PICKLES

DOESN'T ROSCOE LOOK NICE TODAY?
YEAH!
GRAMPA TOOK HIM TO THE DOG GROOMER FOR A BATH AND A HAIRCUT.
AND GUESS WHAT... SHE GROOMED GRAMPA'S MUSTACHE TOO.
THE SCHNAUZER CUT LOOKS CUTE ON HIM, DON'T YOU THINK?
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SALLY FORTH

JACKIE, WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING, I'M... I'M FINE.
NO, YOU'RE NOT. WHEN YOU'RE NOT REALLY QUIET YOU'RE ON EDGE. AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT ON EDGE YOU'RE-
EATING ALL THE COOKIES WE BOUGHT TO LAST US THROUGH LOCKDOWN?
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WAIT, YOU DON'T MEAN ALL OF THEM, DO YOU?
I DON'T KNOW. I CAN'T KEEP COUNT DURING THE SNACKING HOURS OF 3 AND 5 A.M.
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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Test your skills, knowledge and courage, and face challenges with an open mind and a confident attitude. Your success will depend on your ability to follow through with your plans. You can prove to anyone who doubts you that you mean business.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Look for unusual ways to get things done and to help others. Push forward with your plans and be open regarding your intentions and goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get involved in something you believe in to make valuable connections. Use technology to reach the people you want to team up with, and good things will transpire.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep expenses low and your life simple. You'll have difficulty controlling your reaction to emotional issues. Be objective when faced with controversy. It's OK to do things differently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) How you express yourself will determine the amount of respect you receive. Charm coupled with compliments will set the mood for a pleasant encounter. Use your skills to help a cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Deal with others carefully. Someone will twist your words or offer you invalid information. It's up to you to bring about necessary changes, regardless of what others do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Learn all you can about a situation before you make promises or reveal your opinion. A problem at home will require discipline and moderation. Use charm and persistence to win favors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Show a little sass and do whatever it takes to get your way. Don't sell yourself short or let anyone lead you astray. Don't get involved in joint ventures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your fun-loving approach to life will capture attention. Revealing too much about your personal life or plans will allow someone to take advantage of you.

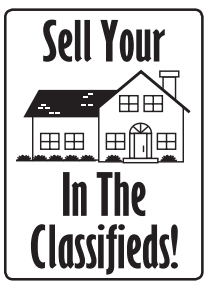
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If change is what you want, make adjustments at home. Add to your entertainment center and move things around to make space to work on a project you want to pursue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) How you handle your personal affairs will encourage others to pitch in and help. What you are willing to do to make your life better will become a guideline for others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take a closer look at your daily routine and habits. Look for a healthier lifestyle and for a way to get things done without jeopardizing your relationships, position or reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put your energy to good use. Get a plan up and running and don't stop until you achieve what you set out to do. Personal improvements will build confidence and encourage success.

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT



VILLAGE of THREE OAKS
NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING
"TRUTH in TAXATION"
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2020
at 7:00 pm

The Village Council of the Village of Three Oaks will hold a public hearing - a "Truth in Taxation Hearing" for the tax millage rate to be levied in 2020. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 03, 2020 at 7:00 pm as a virtual meeting via Zoom due to Governor Whitmer's Executive order…."Stay home, Stay safe" during the COVID 19 pandemic. For details on how to access the meeting, please call Village Hall at 269-756-9221, or visit the Village's website at "threeoaksvillage.org".

s/Cynthia E. Moynihan
Three Oaks Village Clerk

VILLAGE of THREE OAKS
NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING
RECYCLING SERVICES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2020
at 7:00 pm

The Village Council of the Village of Three Oaks will hold a public hearing to discuss Recycling services for residents. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 03, 2020 at 7:00 pm as a virtual meeting via Zoom due to Governor Whitmer's Executive order…."Stay home, Stay safe" during the COVID-19 pandemic. For details on how to access the meeting, please call Village Hall at 269-756-9221, or visit the Village's website at "threeoaksvillage.org".

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LEGALS

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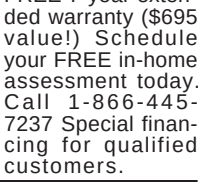

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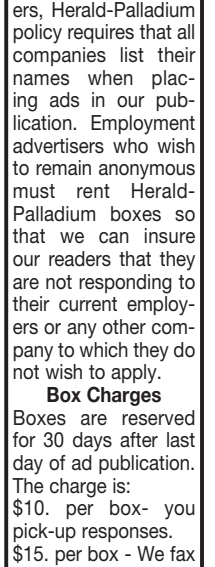

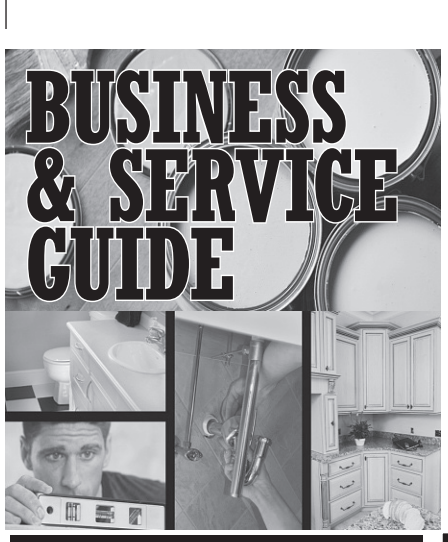

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OBITUARIES

Ruth Freida Taylor-Lloyd

July 7, 1950 – April 19, 2020

Ruth F. Taylor-Lloyd was born July 7, 1950, in Chicago. She was the youngest of 11 children. Ruth enjoyed life to the fullest: roller skating, ice skating, baking cookies, Girl Scouting, playing her trumpet, swimming and dancing. Ruth was also very active in the PTO at Fairplain West Elementary and went on to become a substitute teacher for the Benton Harbor Area School district.

Ruth was a fighter. In 1995, breast cancer attacked her body. With radiation therapy, surgery and reconstructive surgery, she fought hard and won the battle. But breast cancer wanted a re-match. It attacked her body again, and lost again, making Ruth a 25-year survivor of breast cancer.

On Sunday, April 19, 2020, Ruth had her last fight.

Ruth leaves behind her husband of 42 years, John; her daughter, Rachel; several siblings; and a host of other family.

Erika Lotte Steffen

Sept. 18, 1928 – May 14, 2020

Erika Lotte Steffen, 91, of St. Joseph went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday morning, May 14, 2020.

Her ever-present smile, thoughtfulness and love for others will always be remembered.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger. Due to the current COVID-19 precautions, a private family service and burial have been held.

Memorial donations in Erika's name can be made to Christ Lutheran Church in Stevensville and Caring Circle Hospice at Home in St. Joseph.

Those wishing to sign Erika's memory book can do so online at starks-menchinger.com.

Erika was born Sept. 18, 1928, to Ferdinand and Rosalie Feg in Grunzig, Germany, which is now a part of Poland.

After the war, she was reunited with her family in Herford, Germany. In 1952, she came to America with her brother, Ewald, and took the train to St. Joseph, where she resided for most of her life.

Erika met Fritz Steffen at LECO Corp. They married in April 1957, and remained married for 49 years, until he passed away in 2006.

She was a cook at Lakeshore Junior High School for many years. Erika enjoyed traveling, baking, cooking, caring for and loving her family with a deep passion and spending time with her grandkids, to whom she was fondly known as Oma. She will be remembered for her wonderful baked goods, especially Linzer Torte and Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte.

She was a faithful member of Christ Lutheran Church in Stevensville. Erika will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Erika is survived by her children, Norman (Christie) Steffen of Havelock, N.C., and Harry (Rebecca) Steffen of St. Joseph; grandchildren, Andrew (Natalia), Aaron, Austin, Sean (Ashley) and Brian (Brooke) Steffen; eight great-grandchildren, Graham, Noah, Nathan, Annalee, Rosalie, Sean Jr., Braydon and Bryleigh Steffen; and her brother, Ewald Feg of Herford, Germany.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fritz; and her bother, Siegfried.

Peggy Ann Young

Nov. 11, 1939 – April 26, 2020

Peggy Ann Young, 80, of Indianapolis, formerly of Benton Harbor, departed this life April 26, 2020, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

A private service will be held for family. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Peggy was born Nov. 11, 1939, in Brownsville, Tenn., to Carry and Earline Brummett. She enjoyed watching wrestling matches, going to the movies, and especially family barbecues.

Peggy leaves to cherish her memory, her daughters: Peggy F. Young, Diane M. Young, Earline D. Young, Toshua L. Young and Betty A. Simpson; sons, Andrew L. Young and Ricky Young; brother, Willie Brummett; and a host of grandchildren, family and friends.

Peggy is preceded in death by her parents; son, Harry E. Simpson; sister, Louise Manns; and brother, Frank Brummett.

Everett 'JR' Guthrie

Jan. 16, 1946 – May 16, 2020

JR's life began Jan. 16, 1946, in Bald Knob, Ark. He grew up in Arkansas and proudly served his country in the United States Army. After returning home, JR split his time between Michigan and Arkansas until making Michigan his home. JR worked as a carpenter for Cook Nuclear Plant, LW Lamb, and was self-employed in construction for a bit. When JR wasn't working, you could find him on the golf course or playing cards.

His greatest joy was his family, which includes: the love of his life for 30 years, Janet Guthrie; three children, Ashley Guthrie, David (Julie) Guthrie and Charlene "Charlie" Watson; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three siblings, Jerry Guthrie, Gerry Guthrie and Phyllis Boyd; and many nieces and nephews.

JR died Saturday, May 16, 2020.

His parents, Everett and Edith (Davidson) Guthrie; and a brother, Dale Guthrie; precede JR in death.

Friends may visit with JR's family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. His life will be celebrated with a private service following visitation. Donations may be made in JR's memory to the American Cancer Society. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for JR's family at hutchins funeral.com.

Virginia Pullen

Jan. 11, 1930 – April 3, 2020

Virginia Pullen, daughter of the late Napolieon Brooks and Willie Mae Epps, was born in Lexington, Miss., on Jan. 11, 1930.

She graduated from Trinity School in Mississippi. Virginia was a foster grandparent for Benton Harbor Area Schools for many years. She worked in the food pantry in Chicago. Virginia loved to work with older people, and people who were sick; she just loved taking care of people. She also liked doing embroidery and making quilts. Favorite quilt: Dark Green & Burgundy.

Virginia found Christ in 1949 in Lexington Mississippi at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

Virginia transitioned from this life on April 3, 2020.

She was proceeded in death by her parents, Napolieon Brooks and Willie Mae Epps; husband, Earnest Lee Sr.; two sons, Earnest Lee Jr. and Vincent Pullen; and sister, Dorothy Marshall.

Virginia's life and memories are cherished by her nine living children: Arlene Williams, Doris (Eric) Goodson, Eunice (Edward) Traylor, Willie Earl Pullen, Laura Watson, Napelieon Pullen, Henry Pullen, Kelvin Pullen and Melvin (Cilita) Pullen; 28 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; and three goddaughters, Darlene Muse, Joyce Clay and Jessie McMeal.

She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting and knowing her. A private service will be held.

Emma Jean Herndon

Jan. 30, 1925 – May 15, 2020

Emma Jean Herndon, 95, of St. Joseph passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at The Whitcomb Senior Living Community in St. Joseph. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A private family burial will take place in Oaklawn Cemetery, Batesville, Ark. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Emma Jean Herndon "showed up" for life. Whether that was teaching AWANA, Sunday school or being a part of prayer committee. She enjoyed baking for any occasion and you couldn't leave her house without taking a little treat with you. She worked very hard throughout her life and even into her late 80s was a caretaker for several elderly folks.

Our Grandma was more than just a grandmother to us. She helped shape who we are today and always provided unconditional love and support. We won't think of what we didn't get to do or say but rejoice in the memories we have of her. We can rest knowing she is with her Lord and Savior and reunited with her family. We loved her from here to Arkansas and back again. We will meet again.

Gerald 'Jerry' T. Catania

Oct. 23, 1945 – May 13, 2020

Jerry Catania, influential art educator, glass artist and creative presence in the Southwest Michigan art scene, passed peacefully at home in Fairplain on May 13, 2020, with his loving wife, Kathy, incredible brother, Bob, and beloved dog, Frida, by his side. He was 74.

Jerry was born in Chicago to Louis and Josephine (Soldano) Catania. The family moved to Stevensville when Jerry was 5. He grew up with Lake Michigan in his backyard, in an era when he was allowed to freely roam the beach until dinner. This started his love affair with the lake, a theme often reflected in his artwork.

Jerry was a proud 1964 graduate of Lakeshore High School and cherished his lifelong friendships from that time. As a Lakeshore student, he showed his artistic talent early on by building an enormous Easter Island statue replica on the beach. The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation honored Jerry in 2010 with its "Distinguished Alumni" award.

Jerry earned a BFA from Michigan State University in 1969 and served in the Peace Corps in Barbados from 1969-71, where he made many lifelong friends. He taught art in Eau Claire and Benton Harbor public schools and was an adjunct faculty member at Lake Michigan College from 1976-85. Jerry earned his master's from Western Michigan University in 1985, and from 1986-89, did post-graduate work at MSU. He mentored numerous student teachers as an Art Education field supervisor for MSU, and taught graduate seminars in art education at military bases and American schools overseas.

Jerry's life as a glass artist began in 1971 with a workshop in Trinidad. It became a passion the next year when he was one of 30 students chosen to attend the first class at Pilchuck Glass School offered by artist Dale Chihuly, near Seattle. Students constructed their own primitive housing and studio equipment before learning how to blow glass. Jerry's personal archive of his life-changing experience will be included in Pilchuck's 50th anniversary celebration.

Jerry went on to create two glass studios in Stevensville, a barn studio and gallery in Glenn, and in 1985, a public glass studio at Ox-Bow Summer School of Art and Artists' Residency in Saugatuck, Mich. There he spent 30 summers teaching glassblowing and casting in conjunction with the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and was honored twice for his contributions.

The popularity of classes taught in his Glenn glass studio was the catalyst for a larger public space. In 2004, Jerry and Kathy founded Water Street Glassworks, a nonprofit glass and metal school in the Benton Harbor Arts District. The Catanias were excited to join their new neighbors as pioneers in the redevelopment of the city's downtown. Jerry was particularly proud of his "Fired Up!" glass program for Benton Harbor area teens and its long history as the second oldest youth glass program in the country. Jerry was fortunate to mentor Eli Zilke, an outstanding student in the program, who became his successor and made him so very proud.

Jerry brought out the best in his students. Many were like family to him. He credited much of his success to the hard work of others – friends, students, family – and to Kathy's support. He cherished nature, loved gardening, reading, cooking, science, NPR, PBS, film and especially his adopted pets. He never missed a dance party. Moving tributes to Jerry have been pouring in from far and wide. His teaching career stretched over 50 years.

Jerry's personal artwork ranged from functional goblets and vases to cast glass and metal sculptures. His public artwork can be seen at: InterCare Community Health, the Harbor Shores Golf Course, the cast glass panels of the 9/11 Resiliency Plaza and the Eddy Whirlpool ChildCare Center, in Benton Harbor; Edgewater Bank in St. Joseph and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids. Collaborating artists, Joshua Andres and Eli Zilke, made the realization of these major projects possible.

Jerry was overjoyed when he recently marked two things off his bucket list: attending the Glass Art Society's conference in Murano, Italy, in 2018 and demonstrating his spin casting technique at the 2019 conference in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Jerry courageously held an aggressive form of leukemia at bay for five years with the help of his compassionate oncologist and kindred spirit, Dr. Gerald Kozuh. His life was extended by receiving complementary integrative medicine at the Born Clinic, under the guidance of Dr. Tammy Born of Grand Rapids. Her amazing IV team loved Jerry dearly. Specialist Dr. Brett Brinker of Grand Rapids offered Jerry the latest targeted therapies.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Kathy; his brother, Robert of Stevensville; brother-in-law, Keith Bundy of St. Joseph; and in-laws, Hal and Natalie Bundy of Watervliet.

Memorials may be made to Water Street Glassworks at 140 Water St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or online at www.waterstreetglassworks.org. The Glassworks web page includes a "donate" button. Due to the current pandemic, a celebration of life open house and exhibit of Jerry's work will be delayed until this fall. Plans call for it to be held at Bob's building on Red Arrow Highway, near Meijer, in Stevensville.

Death notices

Toysa Bradley, 52, of Niles: died May 18, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Kay Brown, 80, of Dowagiac: died May 18, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Daniel Owen Case, 63, of Watervliet: died May 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Christopher Monroe Dasse, 72, of St. Joseph: died May 11, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Bobbie A. Dickey, 86, of Niles: died May 18, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Demetra Garrison, 91, of St. Joseph: died May 15, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Everett "JR" Guthrie, 74, of Watervliet: died May 16, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Constance Marie Jackson, 79, of Niles: died May 15, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Reinhard Lippert, 81, of Benton Harbor: died May 15, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ann D. Locasto, 96, of Niles: died May 15, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Beatrice "Leatrice" Moore, 79, formerly of Benton Harbor: died May 13, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Mich. Gillespie Funeral Home, Grand Rapids, 616-241-5665.

Gertrude Louise Rowe, 98, of Lawrence Township: died May 12, 2020, at home. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Janet Schack, 92, of South Haven: died May 15, 2020, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland, St. Joseph. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Erika L. Steffen, 91, of St. Joseph: died May 14, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Ruth F. Taylor-Lloyd, 69, of Benton Harbor: died April 19, 2020. Cage Memorial Chapel and Cremation Services, Chicago, (773) 721-8900.

Tangela Turner, 43, of Niles: died May 16, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Ocie Young Jr., 81, of Benton Harbor: died May 3, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Beatrice 'Leatrice' Moore

Aug. 21, 1940 – May 13, 2020

Beatrice "Leatrice" Moore, 79, former longtime resident of Benton Harbor and Battle Creek, Mich., passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2020, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She was a member of the Community Church of God in Christ in Benton Harbor.

She was the loving mother of Frederick (Debra), Althea, Franklin (Debra), Patricia and Lisa McConnell; and sister of Mamie Lee Manning of South Haven and Elder Albert Moore of Covert.

Visitation will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21, at Gillespie Funeral Home, 1865 Eastern Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507.

Ocie Young Jr.

May 22, 1938 – May 3, 2020

Ocie Young Jr., 81, of Benton Harbor passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich.

A celebration of life service will be held privately, due to current events, on Friday, May 22. Private burial will take place in North Shore Memory Gardens. The family encourages everyone to go online at www.starks-menchinger.com or call to leave your messages and memories for them to reflect on.

Ocie was born on May 22, 1938, to Ocie Sr. and Pinkie Young. On June 29, 1992, he married Margaret L. Kohn. Professionally, Ocie worked for Allied Signal, now Bosch, for many years before retiring. He had a great work ethic and was an excellent businessman. Ocie was an active member at New Bethel Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. Most of all, he cherished his family and was a wonderful husband and father.

Ocie is survived by his wife, Margaret L. Young; daughters: Coco (Josh) Woods, Sheila (Aron) Young, Earline Young, Diane Young, Toshua Young, Peggy Fay Young and Betty Simpson; sons, Andrew (Latoya) Young, Ricky Young and Mario Kohn; sisters: Alletha Nash, Maggie (Willie) Kyle, Catherine (James) Mayes, Sandra (Wayne) Hardy, Shelly Young, Martha (Rodney) Murrel and Barbara Bryant; brothers, David (Jackie) Young, Michael Young, Terry Young and Willie Young; grandsons, Shay Kelly Jr. and Josh Jr.; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Ocie was preceded in death by his mother; father; sisters, Mary Siggers, Diana Young and Dorothy Jean Young; and brothers, Early Young, Dewayne Young and Willie Young.

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25 years ago – 1995

More than 75 birders on 17 teams are expected to compete in the seventh annual Southwest Michigan Team Birdathon on Saturday. Teams raise money by getting pledges for each bird it records.

Last year 182 different species of birds were spotted in the event which raised more than $12,000 for a variety of conservation organizations, including area nature centers. It is sponsored by Love Creek Nature Center and Wild Birds Unlimited.

35 years ago – 1985

St. Joseph resident William Kreamer has received a patent and two awards for his year-round solar energy heating and ventilating system.

Now all he needs is customers.

All solar systems up to now have only provided heat, he said. His P.C. 20 is the first solar unit that utilizes the sun in winter to provide heat in the winter and ventilation in warm weather, and does it all automatically.

50 years ago – 1970

Gast Manufacturing Corp. broke ground on their way to a major expansion – a $750,000 addition that will add 60 percent to the size of its plant on M-139, Benton Township. Those taking part in the ceremony were Warren Gast, general manager; William Gast, president; Dean Kimmerly, personnel director; Gene Brooks, director of engineering; Allan Westmas, secretary and controller; Ray Backus, plant superintendent; Erik Fiskars, designer; and Burton Pearson, Pearson Construction.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, May 19, the 140th day of 2020. There are 226 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 19, 1943, in his second wartime address to the U.S. Congress, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pledged his country's full support in the fight against Japan; that evening, Churchill met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the White House, where the two leaders agreed on May 1, 1944 as the date for the D-Day invasion of France (the operation ended up being launched more than a month later).

On this date:

In 1536, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.

In 1649, England was declared a republic by Parliament following the execution of King Charles I. (The monarchy was restored in 1660.)

In 1913, California Gov. Hiram Johnson signed the Webb-Hartley Law prohibiting "aliens ineligible to citizenship" from owning farm land, a measure targeting Asian immigrants, particularly Japanese.

In 1921, Congress passed, and President Warren G. Harding signed, the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.

In 1967, the Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain, banning nuclear and other weapons from outer space as well as celestial bodies such as the moon.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Showers Likely	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
63°	53°	61° / 52°	67° / 56°	68° / 58°	72° / 60°

Local Outlook

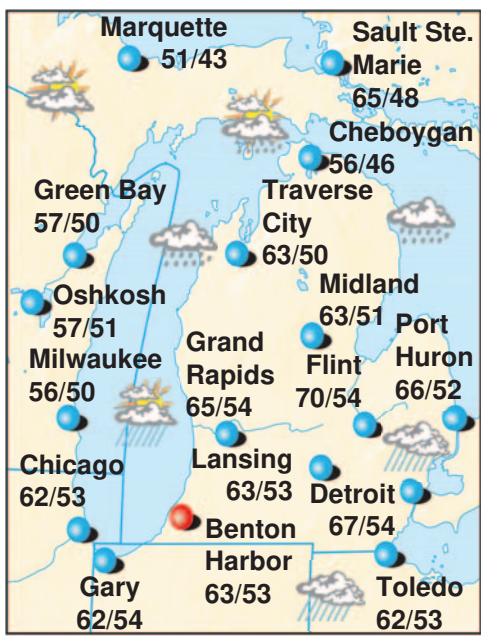
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers, high temperature of 63°, humidity of 72%. East northeast wind 10 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 53°. East wind 9 to 16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:20 a.m.
Sunset	9:04 p.m.
Moonrise	5:08 a.m.
Moonset	6:07 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
5/22	5/29	6/5	6/13

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature	
High	65°
Low	56°
Normal High	71°
Normal Low	49°
Record High	90° in 1998
Record Low	35° in 2002
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	4.06"
Normal for month	2.26"
Year to date	16.30"
Normal Year to date	11.44"

Air Quality

Yesterday	38
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What causes thunder?

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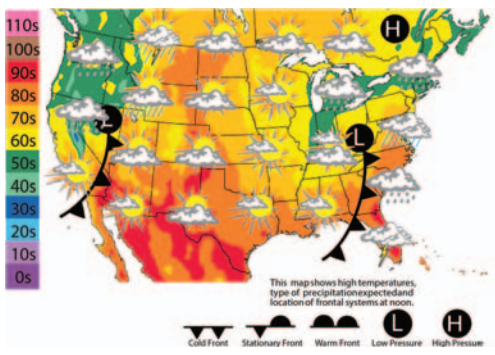
Answer: Rapidly expanding gases along the lightning bolt.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 19, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, E wind 14 to 16 kt, with gusts as high as 22 kt. A chance of showers. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, E wind around 13 kt. Mostly cloudy.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with widespread rain, highs in the 50s and 60s. East wind 14 to 17 mph. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with highs in the 60s. East wind 5 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. East northeast wind 10 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with highs in the 60s. East wind 11 mph.

CATANIA

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The studio was Dale Chihuly's attempt to start a summer glassblowing art school. Catania was in the first formal class of the Pilchuk Workshop in Stanwood, Wash., which has become an internationally-renowned glass school.

After returning to Michigan, Catania constructed an outdoor studio known as Fiasco Glass in Stevensville, where he offered glassblowing workshops and classes.

In 1985, Catania began a three-decade stretch of teaching glassblowing and casting at Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residency in Saugatuck, where he built the glassblowing studio and founded the glassblowing program.

"His gentle spirit, kindness and ability to bring out the creativity in others is what he'll be remembered for," Kathy Catania said. "He was a pioneer in many ways with Ox-Bow and the Benton Harbor Arts District. He had a very gentle and generous way of teaching."

Kathy worked alongside her husband. She started her glass career at Fiasco Glass and became his glassblowing assistant, colorist and teaching assistant.

They got married in 1991 and bought and renovated the old Hinkley Building six years later, which once housed the fruit-carton maker Colby-Hinkley Manufacturing Co. in Benton Harbor.

Photo provided

Jerry Catania is pictured blowing glass in 2007. Catania, who died last week, co-founded Water Street Glassworks in downtown Benton Harbor.

The Catanias opened Water Street Glassworks, a nonprofit school of glass and metal art in 2004, which hosts guest glass artists from around the country, and has become the hub for the teen after-school program known as "Fired Up!"

Among the many students who came out of the program was Eli Zilke, who now serves as studio manager at Water Street Glassworks.

Zilke referred to Catania as his mentor and "an incredible teacher."

"He taught every class like it was fresh material for him. It was never stale. It never became routine for him. It was all about experimentation," Zilke said. "His goal was to always inform and educate."

Zilke was 12 years old when he began working in the program, but Catania was quick to notice the skill the teenager was exhibiting. Catania took Zilke under his wing as a teaching assistant, brought him to Ox-Bow and introduced him to several artists and colleagues in the process.

When Zilke had an opportunity to leave and start his own studio, Catania encouraged him to do so.

However, it was in 2018 when Catania's illness made it impossible to work as much. Because of this, Catania asked Zilke to return to Water Street Glassworks and continue teaching in his place.

"My goal is to protect his legacy and continue what he was doing there," Zilke said. "Jerry was the life of the arts district. He had an amazing way of including everybody. He didn't make it about himself as an artist. He elevated the art form and was focused on educating the public."

Since 2004, Water Street Glassworks has offered the free after-school program for teenagers who want to learn the art of glassblowing, fusing and bead-making.

"We were very excited to be a part of revitalizing the community," Kathy Catania said. "We knew that glass would be a good fit. It would be transformational for lives of youth in the community. Because that's what glass does. It challenges people in new ways."

Catania's work can be spotted throughout the area, from the atrium at Edgewater Bank in St. Joseph to the litany of sculptures in downtown Benton Harbor and the Harbor Shores Golf Course.

Catania was also fond of drawing, an NPR listener and public television supporter, and loved film, science, nature and animals. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, wine and his adopted pets.

Retired Herald-Palladium Staff Writer and Columnist William F. Ast III, who was a friend of Catania since their freshman year at Lakeshore High School in 1960, said Catania was one of the "kindest and gentlest people" he's ever met.

"It's hard to find the words that describe his influence," Ast said. "It was enormous, and it remains enormous. Jerry always said he was lucky in his friends, but we were even luckier to have him here."

Anna Russo Sieber, owner of ARS Gallery, credits Catania with creating her gallery and choosing to stay in Southwest Michigan.

She said watching him mold and shape glass was like watching someone dance.

"Jerry was so authentic. I used to tease him and called him a true Renaissance man because he was always looking for new ways to create art," Sieber said. "He was a trailblazer and collaborated with everybody. I will remember him for his humility, talent and his ability to bring people together."

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STIBBE

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well as validations when new technology or new tests are brought into the department.

How did that change with the pandemic?

We've flipped a lot of our focus into different areas. Even in microbiology we are impacted by some of the shutdowns because patients are either afraid to go out or people aren't seeing their regular physician for routine testing. We're also impacted by surgeries being delayed because a lot of routine surgeries get cultured just to make sure everything is clean.

Where we would see more volume of routine samples, we've been impacted in that way. However, we've also been doing a lot of COVID testing, so our volumes in that aspect have been driven upward.

We sort of took on some new roles as well in the laboratory, working on more supply management. PPE isn't readily available, testing kits aren't readily available and even the testing supplies.

We've had to kind of put on some different hats and learn some things, as a laboratory, we never really had to do before. That is good because we have a lot of support with all of our other teams, especially our team up in Grand Rapids. Now that we're part of the whole collaboration of Spectrum Health, it's been really helpful to have them as a resource.

How did you end up in this career and what sort of schooling is required?

I started wanting to be in medicine in general but not quite sure what I wanted to do. I went to Michigan State University. I started out doing a human biology degree, but if you don't go to medical school after, it's kind of hard to do something with it.

At MSU they have a program for biomedical laboratory diagnostics, so that's what I decided to go into. I really like the aspect of it where it's kind of like detective work almost, where you're trying to figure out, and piece together, what the patient is suffering from with the laboratory results.

I completed my bachelor's degree in biomedical laboratory diagnostics, and shortly after I graduated, I moved back into the area (I grew up in Niles) and got a job at the South Bend Medical Foundation in the microbiology department.

I worked there for about three years, then decided to take an opportunity at Lakeland as a regular medical technologist in the microbiology department, then, not long after, I was given the opportunity of technical specialist.

To be a medical technologist you need either a two-year or a four-year degree, as well as some clinical experience, then you also have to pass an exam to become board certified.

I did my focus in microbiology, so I have a categorical in micro, and then, last year, I studied really hard and got my specialist certification in microbiology, which is a bit of a step up from a generalist. That required three years experience in the field and taking a specialized exam.

What do you like most about your job?

What I'm most excited about with micro is every day is different. A lot of jobs where you're in the monotony of doing the same thing everyday, microbiology is always changing, always evolving, and technology improves, like getting faster results for patients.

Even just the day-to-day things. Bacteria, they are so interesting. They don't really follow the rules. They do what they want and it makes you think. You have to use your brain a lot to figure out the troubleshooting. It keeps it interesting.

Is there any part of the job you don't like or don't like as much?

Not really. I love it. Somedays it gets busy, but that's like most jobs.

It's all worth it in the end because we're really helping patients. Even helping other health care workers. Without the lab and the testing, they wouldn't know what they're dealing with and how to treat the patient appropriately. It's super rewarding that we're impacting them in our own way.

Workers in the health care field are getting a lot of praise and thanks for all the work they're doing right now. Is there anything you'd like to say to that thanks?

I think it's great that they're offering thanks to all health care workers, even though people mostly think of nurses and doctors, but there are people like us in the lab, or people in environmental services cleaning up the rooms, and people working in food service preparing meals for the patients and the workers at the hospital.

This pandemic has really brought to light a lot of those unsung heroes of the health care system, seeing how much they impact patient care. They're there really making a difference. It's great to be recognized.

When you're not working, what do you like to do?

I actually got married in September and we bought a house a couple of years ago, so we've been doing a lot of home improvement projects recently. We have two dogs that we love to take care of and walk. We have really been enjoying those things a lot, even in the quarantine.

Is there anything else you'd like to say or make sure that I include that I didn't ask?

I think we covered it all. Even with the COVID testing, we've also been doing a lot of really hard work trying to be prepared for a surge if it comes.

We're working really, really hard to make sure we're able to take care of all the patients, and test all the patients that need to be tested for COVID.

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